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THE DIVINE SCIENCE

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FOREWORD by Dane Rudhyar

It was nearly twelve years ago — a complete Jupiter cycle — that I was surprised to receive a letter postmarked Darjeeling, India. It was written by Marcia Moore who was then being permeated with India's lore and wisdom. During the intervening years, I visited several times at her former home in Concord, Massachusetts, and we had long talks on astrology and other topics of common interest. The precedent-making thesis on astrology she wrote for her degree at Radcliffe College showed already how lucidly she could present her subject in the context of psycho-sociological studies.

This present volume is one that every serious astrologer and student should warmly welcome, for it comes at a crucial time in the development of Western astrology. In this century of changes and upheavals, such a book fills a genuine need.

Today, astrology is claiming the attention of an increasing number of people. This expansion has largely been caused by the great interest which a growing number of young people are taking in the subject. More and more of these young men and women are college students or graduates, and even their professors are no longer as scornful of astrology as they used to be. However, the field of astrology is in a very confusing condition, for there are several distinct tendencies or schools of thought. Moreover, the manner in which astrology is presented to interested readers in the great majority of cases fails to satisfy not only the rational or fastidious thinker, but also a great many of the youth who hope rather confusedly to find "in the stars" a revelation of psychological, mystical, or "cosmic" truths, which they feel might give them a new and expanded sense of security and of attunement to the rhythms of the universe.

At the beginning of the 1930's, Paul Clancy decided that the popularization of astrology was to be his life task. When his magazine American Astrology became a huge success in 1934, a new epoch began in astrology. Although Evangeline Adams and a few other pioneer astrologers in the United States had earlier laid the foundations for what is now known as "sun-sign astrology," the interested public was very small. It was the success of Clancy's venture that caused daily or weekly astrological columns, with readings for the twelve signs, to appear in the newspapers and periodicals of the United States and Europe. A number of astrological magazines were started, and though some went into eclipse, others have flourished ever since.

I find myself in a peculiar situation with regard to this tidal sweep of modern astrology. Just at the time Paul Clancy started American Astrology, I became

deeply interested in the psychology of Carl Jung. I had studied astrology in 1920 at Krotona, Hollywood, then the headquarters of the Theosophical Society, and in 1930 I met Marc Jones, who sent me some of his mimeographed material on astrology. During the summer of 1933, it occurred to me that a serious approach to astrology, such as he was beginning to present, could and should be correlated with depth psychology (especially of the Jungian type), for actually they complemented each other.

Later that same year, I finally met Paul Clancy in New York. He had already printed some lectures I had given in Boston in 1930-31, and he gave me carte blanche to write anything along these lines for publication in his magazine. At that time, Clancy was eager to combine "popular astrology" with the type of "psychological astrology" I was beginning to expound. For several years, Grant Lewi wrote most of the "forecasts" and I many of the remaining pages of the magazine.

In Europe, astrology had traditionally been a predictive art, used in the courts of kings and by statesmen and generals. The common people found astrology embedded in their calendars and in their customs concerning the growth of crops and the breeding of livestock. What is less well known is that great philosopher/mystics such as Paracelsus and Jakob Boehme wrote about planets, stars, astrological temperaments, etc., at a highly psychological and esoteric level. In this they were continuing the tradition carried on by the medieval alchemists and the occultists of many lands.

There have always been two basic approaches to astrology, with many gradations of thinking in between. One, the predictive approach, concentrates on events and is most typically represented by Horary Astrology, which gives definite answers to equally definite and limited questions. The philosophical-psychological approach, on the other hand, concentrates on persons, with the understanding that the term "person" can be extended to social groups and collective entities displaying definite attributes of personality. For this second approach, especially when it deals with individuals, I have suggested the label of "Humanistic Astrology."

Humanistic Astrology is conceived essentially as a language using the cyclic motions of celestial bodies as symbols which can convey to human beings a direct and pragmatically applicable understanding of the basic patterns of the bio-psychic processes which are the foundation of individual and collective existence. Such an understanding can help individuals to evaluate the meaning of their experience in terms of the total pattern of their life, seen as a consistent whole, structured from birth to death by innate tendencies. Thanks to such an understanding, seemingly fortuitous events and crises can be seen as phases and perhaps turning-points in the continuous flow of

experience. Thus, they acquire a new meaning, and the individual can feel himself more at peace with the universe as a participant in the vast evolution of humanity, of the Earth-as-a-whole, and ultimately of the cosmos.

While the scope of Humanistic Astrology extends from the field of depth-psychology to that of "peak experiences" and mysticism, its essential purpose is to inspire a greater understanding of the many factors and processes in an individual life, and to provide guidance in times of crisis and decision making. Such an approach to astrology is "holistic" in that it deals with the whole person, and with the birth chart as a whole, rather than with isolated planets or aspects labeled "good" or "bad." It refers any single happening, phase of growth, or period of crisis, to the entire life-cycle from birth to death. At times, it may even be able to suggest what conditions in the past were responsible for present difficulties, just as a pharmacist may infer from a doctor's prescription the nature of the illness which the medicine is intended to cure.

Today, a number of young people, influenced by their college education and the general scientific mentality of the times, feel a strong urge to "prove" the validity of astrology through the use of contemporary techniques, especially statistics. French and Swiss astrologers started this approach between the two World Wars; and in England and the United States such efforts have recently been mushrooming. Their hope is to see astrology taught in the universities.

This strictly scientific approach is perfectly legitimate. It satisfies the analytical mind and may lead to many valuable conclusions, provided it is intelligently applied and does not violate the inherent characteristics of astrology. There are, however, many pitfalls in such an approach. Since it is analytical rather than holistic, it deals with events rather than with whole persons. It singles out specific illnesses or specific careers as entities in themselves. This in turn implies a dualistic, either-or, yes-or-no approach which is the very opposite of the holistic viewpoint.

Then there are the many practitioners of astrology whose methods are quite close to fortune-telling. Some who are psychically gifted may prove accurate in their predictions, and in a period when people are beset with uncertainty and insecurity, the demand for this kind of service is great. Whether or not the results are constructive depends on both the astrologer and the client.

If I have commented at such length about the astrological situation as a whole in modern society, it is because I wanted to clarify the position taken in this book by Marcia Moore and Mark Douglas. It is an eclectic, open, and sound position. By temperament and training they lean toward the humanistic point of view with its spiritual overtones. In an inclusive, lucid, and often original manner, this monumental book covers the entire field of astrology as it is

generally presented in the West. The more complex and abstruse astrological systems and techniques which could have been discussed are generally omitted, for they would be significant only to the specialist.

This book, like the others written by these two authors, is essentially for anyone who desires to be well-informed on the subject being treated. There is no necessity for the reader to have a background of technical knowledge. Astrology, The Divine Science gives an unbiased presentation which covers a vast amount of material in a wholesome, significant, and dignified manner. It should not antagonize anyone who is open-minded and aware of all the problems and confusing debates which characterize the field of astrology today. No fantastic claims are made. The discussions of the various positions of the planets, of interplanetary aspects, progressions, transits, and so on, are clear and definite. The book is not only inclusive in scope but is extremely well written. Beginners and established astrologers can both profit greatly from its discussion of the basic factors in astrology and from its many original and thought-provoking insights.

I recommend it wholeheartedly.

THE PLANETARY AGES

Each planet, starting from the Sun and extending outward to Saturn, represents a stage of progressive solidification and individualization. This does not mean that the planets, as physical bodies, become more dense or less dependent upon the attraction of their parent Sun. It is the astrological qualities assigned to them which reflect the hardening or ossification of the aging process.

The Moon — The Stage of Response

The first, most fluid phase of life is symbolized by the Moon. This lunar period describes the amorphous condition of infancy when the child is a fitful conglomeration of instincts and responses. The Moon makes the infant passively receptive to outside influences even though, with the Sun in the background, they are a distinct individual from the start and never a mere tabula rasa.

The Moon signifies motherhood, and also all life-giving liquids which, like water, have no true shape of their own but can be poured into any available container. Thus, the infant is dependent upon the maternal parent to mold their rudimentary ego. Their earliest sensation is that of being helpless and vulnerable, excruciatingly impressionable, yet unable to act in their own right. The influence of the Moon upon this susceptible creature is of primary importance up to the seventh year of life.

Mercury — The Stage of Adjustment

Volatile Mercury, the planet of speech and communication, is associated with the early school years when the youngster learns the ABC's of relating to others through the medium of language, the double-edged tool of the objective intelligence. They find that not only can they take orders but they can talk back to people, making their ideas understood and asserting themselves as a mind rather than as a perambulating bundle of clamorous needs and desires. During this stage, they make innumerable connections with the surrounding world, especially through mastery of the arts of reading and writing. The sense of morality is as flexible as the body, and correspondingly small. Despite the fact that they are learning to think logically, to reason and be reasoned with, they are blithely irresponsible. The lightness of foot and capacity for perpetual motion suggest the quivering quality of quicksilver — a common name for the element mercury. The Mercurial period comprises the years between the ages of seven and fourteen when the child receives their basic education and begins to master the intricacies of their environment.

Venus — The Stage of Evaluation

The Venusian period corresponds to the years between fourteen and twenty-one when the emotional nature begins to ripen. The softness of childhood gives way to the poised assurance of the young adult as the malleability of the Moon and Mercury phases is superseded by a more discriminating appraisal of people and situations. The varied experiences of childhood are weighed, judged, and assimilated to provide a basis for enduring standards of taste and behavior.

This is an age for falling in love, not only with members of the opposite sex, but with art, culture, and esthetic ideals. The adolescent is swayed by crushes, fads, and crazes — all part of a process designed to impart a sense of balance, proportion, and moderation as they learn to regulate their conduct according to social norms. During this time of grace before shouldering the responsibilities of adulthood, the youth develops their capacity for social relationships, finds out where they "fit in," learn to cooperate with others, and prepare for marriage and the partnerships of the mature years.

Earth — The Stage of Self-confrontation

At twenty-one, an individual comes of age and can, if they will, function as full-fledged citizens of Earth. In the planetary scale, Earth stands midway between extremes of pliability and rigidity. During the Terrene period from twenty-one to twenty-eight, the young adult makes their basic adjustments to the material world. Normally, they become grounded in a particular occupation and sink their roots into the soil of the place where they choose to settle. This is the point at which they seriously endeavor to establish themselves and justify their existence on this planet.

This phase frequently ends with a crisis of reorientation which occurs in the late twenties. After passing through four seven-year periods, an individual arrives a the first great crossroad of their life. They must decide what kind of person they are going to be, and how they will proceed to fulfill whatever promise they have thus far shown. The conclusion of this major life cycle may be painful and difficult. In the natal chart, it is marked by the return of transiting Saturn to its own place (the cycle of Saturn is about twenty-nine years), and also by the completion of the first full circuit of the progressed Moon through the signs.

Mars — The Stage of Accomplishment

When a young adult is about twenty-eight years old, Mars inaugurates a new departure based on the outcome of the previous four-part cycle of personal unfoldment. As character becomes more stabilized, forces are set in motion which affect the remainder of the life span. The individual wields a more percussive influence, acts as a dynamic element in their community, and assert their capacity for leadership.

The years of the Martian period between twenty-eight and thirty-five are physically strenuous. Since maximum effort is expended to initiate new

projects and to overcome obstacles, ambition often exceeds financial resources. Although conflicts continue to arise, the stress created by the wear and tear of making a living has not yet eroded the aggressive determination to carve out a niche in life. The individual who has established a place for themselves through the successful completion of the previous phases should by now have gained the momentum to push on boldly and to make the investments and commitments by which they will thereafter be obliged to stand.

Jupiter — The Stage of Purposefulness

If the Mars cycle has been successfully completed, the Jupiterian period lasting from the age of thirty-five to forty-two will see the solid citizen reaping some of the rewards of their efforts. This should be the prime of life, a time for travel, financial and administrative expansion and, sometimes, expansion of girth. A person is now old enough to have profited by experience, and at the same time young enough to enjoy their gains. They are guided by the ideals they have espoused and are apt to be in the process of reformulating their religious faith and of developing a viable philosophy of life.

Having shepherded the growth of their various enterprises, the mature adult should pause to assess their significance. As they view the results of their previous aims and aspirations, they can more meaningfully ask what kind of person they have made of themselves and what their future portends. It is no longer easy for them to change the direction of their life, but by modifying their underlying attitudes and assumptions they can express their deeper beliefs concerning the purpose of their sojourn on Earth.

Saturn — The Stage of Establishment

The Saturnian period lasts from person's forty-second to their forty-ninth year and marks the end of their natural growth. By the time a person has completed their first half-century, they have thoroughly determined the type of human being they are going to be. Their path has become either a rut leading toward the grave or a clearly defined track up the mountain of attainment. By now they should have achieved a measure of self-discipline and be of sound and mature judgment. However, if the previous stages have not been fulfilled, they will find themselves verging on depression and decline.

An individual who has mastered the curriculum laid out by Saturn knows the difference between right and wrong. If they suffer, they should at least have some idea why and for what purpose they must endure the hardships which beset them. This moral and ethical seasoning confers the power to function as an authority in the social system. Presumably, they are fit to govern others because they have proven their ability to govern themselves.

Saturn signifies the completion of the building of a distinctive ego structure. The individual now acts in their own right and impose upon their surroundings the order they have labored to internalize. They are capable of shaping

society as originally society shaped them. Through the upholding of accepted laws, they ensure the continuity of the community so that, although eventually they die, civilization endures as a monument to their endeavors.

Uranus — The Stage of Transformation

For the average person, individual development ends with the conclusion of the Saturnian period. The influence of this heavy planet produces a progressive hardening of arteries, brittleness of bones, and all too often a dull conventionality and defensive adherence to tradition. According to the rationale of the celestial scheme, however, there is a way to break through time's tightening tether. For those who have the courage to let the old ways die and to unfold in a higher dimension, Uranus presents the prospect of a forward leap into a radically new state of consciousness.

The concept of extinction is our's alone — nature knows only transformation. Uranus brings the realization that it is not enough to be mature, sober, and reliable. Implicit in every human being there also exists a power which makes it possible to be exceptional and unique. This radiatory energy can be released scientifically to reveal new and unexpected areas of achievement.

If an individual can succeed in invoking the creative potency of their higher self, a second flowering may occur during the period extending from forty-nine to fifty-six years of age. At this time, they may produce their most valuable and original work. Then, at the end of this stage, they arrive at a second major crisis or reorientation analogous to the first crisis at the age of twenty-eight. Transiting Saturn and the progressed Moon have completed another full round of the zodiac, and again there opens out a crossroad of apathy or opportunity.

Neptune — The Stage of Transcendence

The Neptunian period, corresponding to the years from fifty-six to sixty-three, signals a detachment from worldly concupiscence and a deepening concern for spiritual values. This should be a mellowing process providing leisure for meditation upon the significance of work accomplished, and encouraging a mental attitude of letting go. The Neptunian longing for liberation is seldom solaced by the ceremony and dogma of orthodox religious creeds; it is a more mystical aspiration to empty oneself of egotistical cravings, like a river pouring into the sea.

Negatively, this period can mark a descent into slackness and vacuity with a corresponding physical softness and decay. However, the truly mature person will cultivate an attitude of unruffled dispassion, indifferent to the penury or prosperity that may be their lot. By serenely disdaining to be held by Saturn's cramping clutch for security, and by persisting in their search for enlightenment, the nonattached individual may jump beyond their shadow. Then, when at last they arrive at the gates of death, they find immortality waiting to greet him like a beloved friend.

Pluto — The Stage of Recapitulation

The Plutonian period, from sixty-three to seventy, completes the threescore and ten years of our traditionally allotted life span. It should represent a summing up, just as the seed absorbs the essence of the plant in preparation for its metamorphosis into a new state of being. As the ripening seed undergoes a natural separation from the fruit which bore it, similarly, one's etheric body gradually loosens its connection with the dense physical body so that at the moment of transition it can be detached without undue pain. In this sense, the Neptunian waters serve as an amniotic fluid, easing the passageway of the soul preparing to be born on a subtler plane of existence. Pluto, the deliverer, draws it forth from the womb of earthly experience with the promise of eternal life.

Symbolically, the Sun is pure potency seeking expression through the multifarious manifestations of the material world. Pluto, at the far edge of the system, reduces the solar energy to its most condensed form — the seed. The Sun and Pluto are both impersonal; the alpha and omega of creation. The development, organization, and relinquishment of the individualized ego occur during the intermediary stages of systematic unfoldment.

Beyond the Plutonian period the full spectrum of planetary qualities becomes available. An individual need no longer think in terms of chronological stages. Rather, there should be a steadily growing wholeness of being which transcends the successive births and deaths of the limited personal self.

The outer planets

Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto are not time-conditioned but operate as a trinity to transform, dissolve, and renew the form which Saturn so painstakingly defines. In ancient India, a man who had successfully reared his children and provided for the wants of his family would often renounce the world and take up the wandering existence of a seeker of God. This was called "the stage of the Sannyasin" and it covered the time of life associated with the three higher-octave planets.

The outer planets represent energies which have always existed in the cosmos and in humans. Yet, prior to their discovery, few human beings were capable of rising far enough above the self-centered ambitions of Saturn to resonate to their rarefied vibrations. As long as people could not respond to these influences, it was as though they did not exist. Since the recognition of these bodies, however, their qualities have become more evident, not only in the lives of individuals but in the changing order of society.

Uranus, discovered in 1781, is called "the awakener." Its appearance coincided with the Industrial Revolution and also with the "revolution of rising expectations" of the last two centuries. As the planet of democracy, dissent, and freedom of thought and speech, Uranus has been credited by astrologers for the breakthroughs which have occurred in modern communications and

for the increasingly widespread distribution of nature's resources. Uranian inventions have stimulated the personal initiative and independence which make individuals today so different from their ancestors.
Since Uranus is the planet of the unexpected, it seldom brings the type of growth one might predict on the basis of past accomplishment. If a woman at the turn of the century had been told of the economic development which would occur in the decades ahead, she might have anticipated hiring an extra maid or two. Instead, she was presented with a modern kitchen. Similarly, people today often assume that progress will give them more living space, when what may occur is an opportunity to visit the Moon.

The discovery of Neptune in 1846 correlates with the advent of socialism, spiritualism, and theosophy. During this period, the concept that matter is clotted energy and that all animate forms exist within a subtle sea of radiating forces began to permeate the consciousness of the thinkers of the race. The Neptunian capacity to feel what is ineffably common to all things runs directly counter to the Uranian urge for independence, but does not negate it.
The political influence of Neptune has given rise to the communistic ideology with its fanatical insistence upon the subordination of the individual to an omnipotent state. By and large, the Orient is sensitized to the vibrations of Neptune, while the Occident is more Uranian in its general approach to the problems of government. Presumably, the final showdown between Communism (Neptune) and Democracy (Uranus) will also involve a confrontation between East and West. It is, however, a misunderstanding of these planetary principles which causes people to battle in their names, for ideally they should harmonize, like breathing in and breathing out. Collectivism and individualism are reciprocal processes and become dangerous only when out of balance.
The Neptunian proclivity toward mediumship and mysticism can betray a longing to escape the onerous burden of functioning as a separate, self-determining entity. Yet Neptune can also stimulate the aspiration to rise above petty egotism and to sacrifice the self in service to others. Neptune is neither better nor worse than Uranus but acts as its complement, just as Jupiter complements Saturn, Venus complements Mars, and the Moon complements the Sun.
Pluto, discovered in 1930, may eventually reconcile the rugged individualism of Uranus with the commonalty of Neptune. To date, however, its negative qualities have been paramount. Seemingly, this volcanic planet has ripped open a Pandora's box of smoldering hostilities to plague mankind with war and violence. The rise of dictators such as Hitler, Stalin, and Mao Tse-tung and the holocaust of World War II demonstrated Pluto's ability to probe the hidden recesses of human nature and dredge up long-repressed remnants of barbarism. Each planet is capable of greater extremes of good and evil than

its predecessors, and Pluto usually goes to the limit in one direction or the other.

Positively, Pluto stands for atomic research and psychoanalysis. These two movements, the one releasing physical forces and the other psychic forces, may yet purge humanity of much of its immaturity and greed. Atomic energy can provide the freedom from want which permits human beings to live at peace with one another, while the wisdom gained from the correct application of psychoanalytic principles may supply the insight to regenerate man from within.

Although the Plutonian Age with its traumas and turbulence has precipitated the death of many cherished institutions, it has compensated by supplying clear proofs of human immortality. In knowing oneself to be an undying soul, at one with all creation, a person may finally mend the split between themselves and the universe and thus eradicate the fundamental cause of their suffering.

The three outer planets refer more to groups than to individuals. They cannot be too closely associated with periods of life but instead reflect states of consciousness which may be achieved at any age. They are indicative of psychological qualities rather than actual events. Thus, it is hard to say what circumstances the position and aspects of Neptune in a horoscope will bring to pass. Yet one may receive an unmistakable impression of a Neptunian type of person, or of one who expresses these traits in a particular department of life.

If a natal chart is dominated by one planet, the individual is likely to come into their own during the period of life to which that planet corresponds. Alternately, that phase will be especially important in their development. Lunar types are inclined to brood over their youth, while Saturnians prosper in later years and often enjoy a robust old age. Uranian, Neptunian, and Plutonian people can transcend temporal considerations and make their mark at any time.

The successive epochs of life marked by the widening circles of the planetary orbits are only approximations. Together they depict the process whereby the outward-streaming energies of the Sun crystallize into ever more complex forms. In contemplation of this comprehensive pattern of creation, the astrologer eventually realizes that their own soul reflects the solar system, and they begin to understand the meaning of the occult axiom, "As above, so below."

SYMBOLS OF THE ZODIAC

Every astrological symbol is a bridge to universal truth. The following tabulation and descriptions show how the zodiac derives from archetypal principles which spell out the drama of creation. The twelve glyphs with their

corresponding human and animal forms are letters in the alphabet of the celestial spheres. The student who reads this "sign language" correctly can deepen their understanding of their own place and purpose within the cosmic scheme.

ARIES, the Ram
Cardinal Fire
March 21 — April 20

Aries is the springtime sign of the zodiac. Its symbol suggests a seed shooting out of the ground. Since the sprout has no roots and is as yet untrammeled by the earth from which it emerges, the horizon is not visible — only the new plant rising like a living fountain. Aries evokes the will to begin and to take initiative in launching new endeavors. As the cosmic principle of action, Aries signifies the drive to externalize latent possibilities and to become in actuality that which, in essence, one already is.

The symbol for Aries also represents the horns of a ram. This can be a battering ram thrusting rambunctiously, or even rampageously, forward. Anatomically, Aries rules the head and its headstrong impulsiveness often impels its natives to plunge headlong into situations without taking account of the consequences of their behavior. Their self-assertiveness can prevent them from judging the reactions of other people. If, however, the Arian constantly butts up against opposition, his spirit may be broken. Then the sign denotes not the dashing ram but the driven sheep rambling from place to place with no purpose or destination.

Metaphysically inclined astrologers see the glyph for Aries as a fork in the road, showing the opportunity to turn one way or the other. Although each sign is conditioned by and reacts against the sign which immediately precedes it, Aries at the forefront of the parade, is endowed with the relative freedom to choose either the path to the left or the path to the right. Therefore, those who personify its pioneering traits are peculiarly insistent upon exercising their powers of decision: since they cherish the spark of independence which makes them separate, self-determining individuals.

Finally, this symbol can be interpreted as representing the line of the nose and eyebrows in the human face. The frontal area houses the forebrain which is an instrument of the higher mind and will. The spiritually evolved Arian realizes that his freedom of choice depends largely upon the range of his intellectual faculties. All things begin with ideas, and to the extent that he uses his head, he forges ahead.

TAURUS, the Bull
Fixed Earth
April 21 — May 21

Taurus harnesses the vitality of Aries. As the glyph indicates, force ceases to shoot into the atmosphere like a geyser, but is bent into the shape of a wheel which restrains and contains the energy previously unleashed. This is also a wheel which can carry loads. The boundless exuberance of Aries encounters the material resistance of Taurus and is transformed into power which can be turned to practical uses. Nature's dynamism is slowed down and channeled through biological drives.

Taurus is the sign of money and possessions, and of the values these represent. Through careful conservation of resources the Taurean takes time to appreciate the quality of things. The driving excitement of Aries becomes intensity of feeling in Taurus. The out-rushing fires of passion are banked to produce the warming glow of steadier, more sustained satisfactions, as the desire for sensation is converted into the quiet capacity for love.

The pictograph for Taurus shows the horns of a bull, suggesting the immense fertility of this sign. In the course of the year, the Sun is in Taurus during the mating season. Bulky in build, the Taurean may also be "bullish" in his erotic instincts. He can, however, be domesticated into a bulwark of strength and security for his family.

In the body, Taurus rules the neck which supports the weight of the head. Members of this sign are often characterized by an obstinacy which results in their being called "bullnecked," but they can also be as gentle and persevering as the bullocks of the Orient who bend their necks willingly to the farmer's yoke.

The unevolved Taurean can be an insensitive "bully," insisting on his own way with "bulldog" stubbornness. His temper is aroused slowly, but when goaded past the point of endurance he will charge wildly at his opponent, or thrash about as clumsily as the proverbial "bull in a china shop."

The Taurean derives a profound satisfaction from increasing his assets. In the world of finance, a "bull market" reflects the tendency of the sign to promote growth and prosperity. Many Taureans have a knack for making money reproduce itself by leaving it alone and allowing it to breed naturally. Consequently, they often become wealthy simply by making the best use of that which has already been given.

The symbol for Taurus shows the crescent Moon surmounting the circle of the Sun. The Moon is placed in the position of a chalice which contains the overflowing energy of the preceding sign, as the lunar principle of response supersedes the solar principle of self-expression. Aries expends its resources unstintingly but Taurus receives and conserves the bountiful supply.

While Aries surges forward, Taurus stabilizes. In Aries, the sprout shoots toward the Sun; in Taurus, roots reach down through the soil in the endeavor to establish a durable organism. In the natural order of the zodiac, each sign represents the assets, resources, and values of the preceding sign, and this

process begins with the emergence of selfhood in Aries and the accumulation of possessions in Taurus.

GEMINI, the Twins
Mutable Air
May 22 — June 21

In Gemini, the circle which in Taurus appeared as a wheel, becomes a circuit. Action and reaction give rise to interaction. Out of the archetypal opposition between subject and object, knower and known, represented by the first two signs, there emerges a third factor which is the relationship between these two, and this comprises the field of knowledge and communication.

Gemini signifies not only the duality implicit in the upright lines of its symbol, but also their union. Parallel columns are connected top and bottom, suggesting a grill or web of interwoven strands. This network is indicative of the nervous system, and also of the fabric of cause and effect which underlies the phenomenal world. The Geminian capacity for awareness enables an individual to perceive meaningful designs in a previously incoherent jumble of sensations. Insofar as isolated objects are studied in terms of their relationships with one another, they become intelligible and therefore subject to analysis and discussion.

If the vertical bars are slightly lengthened, the glyph becomes the symbol for numbers (#), indicating the propensity of people born under this sign to enumerate facts, list particulars, and reduce them to a system. The Geminian's world is composed of numerous discrete parts which he feels compelled to arrange according to a rationally demonstrable order. His incessantly active mind brings things together for comparison, but it also holds them apart for contrast, as he classifies items into logical categories. The intellectuality of this sign is suggested by the glyph's resemblance to two books on a shelf, a reminder that almost all Geminians love to read.

Anatomically, Gemini's dualism is reflected in its rulership of the two arms and hands, and of the two lungs which, by alternately expanding and contracting, allow oxygen to pass through the membranes separating the interior of an organism from the outer atmosphere. Gemini also rules the nervous system which is subdivided into central and autonomic branches. The former relates man to the external world, the latter to the visceral realm of his own body.

The pictogram for Gemini depicts the door or portal leading from one state to another. Its twin pillars connect heaven and earth within the consciousness of man. This is the first sign to be associated with a human form (the twins) rather than with an animal form. It represents the peculiarly human quality of intelligence which links man's baser instincts with his divine essence. Thus, reasonable people can work side by side, joining that which is above with that

which is below, and bringing heaven and earth together through the ability to draw connecting lines between innately related factors.

CANCER, the Crab
Cardinal Water
June 22 — July 23

In Cancer, the Sun reaches its highest point of northern declination and then retreats, crablike, backward toward the ecliptic. It has gone as far as it can go. Cancer connotes containment. The duality of Gemini lingers in the matching whirls of its symbol, but the reciprocal relationship of the two curves forms a more dynamically integrated unit.

The bi-polar circular glyph suggests the breasts and stomach. These Cancer-ruled organs are concerned with the functions of nourishment and bodily sustenance. As the representative of the negative, responsive principle in nature, Cancer is associated with housing, motherhood, the masses, the unconscious, all life-giving fluids, and the sea. The in-turning spirals show the Cancerian proclivity to return to the womb, revert to the past, and retire into the subjective spaces of the psyche.

The two vortices of this pictograph also represent male and female parents complementing each other within the sanctuary of the home. The domestically inclined Cancerian is vitally interested in all that occurs within his family environment and in the sphere of his special sympathies, even while presenting a hard shell of indifference to whatever transpires outside that charmed circle. His motto is, "Charity begins at home." He is aptly characterized by the crab which carries its "shell-ter" wherever it goes. Prone to anxiety because of his inner vulnerability, he compensates by withdrawing into himself and reinforcing his outer defenses. It can be said, therefore, that members of this sign have two seemingly contradictory sides to their personalities. They can be avidly acquisitive and simultaneously self-sacrificing for the sake of those they love.

The strength of the crab's attachments is shown by the size of its claws in proportion to the rest of its body. The tenacity of this crustacean is so compulsive that it will suffer destruction rather than relinquish its grip. Such indomitability is a close cousin to the stolid stubbornness of Taurus, but is more passively resigned. The difference is that earth (Taurus) holds together through sheer bulk and by pressing toward a gravitational center, while water (Cancer) yields unresistingly to every blow, flows into any container, yet remains as it always was.

Cancer is a paradox of strength through surrender, and its persistence makes a fair substitute for bravery. Although women have been called the weaker sex, the influence of the female parent is remarkably enduring, and the fortitude of a mother protecting her child is well documented in nature's

annals. Cancer is not generally regarded as a sign of abundant vitality. However, its biologically based responses to the emotion-fraught situations of family living draw in and hold others in a firmer grip than could be attained by the exercise of physical force. The endeavor to resist its oceanic maternal instinct can be as futile as fighting the waves of the sea, and those who have mastered the art of floating gently upon the ever changing tides of time and circumstance are generally willing to allow Mother Nature to have her way.

LEO, the Lion
Fixed Fire
July 24 — August 23

The symbol for Leo, like that for Cancer, comprises a double curve. However, the figure is unitary and opens out instead of closing in. Leo is self-expressive; Cancer is self-repressive. The former is extroverted; the latter, introverted.

Leo's glyph is drawn with a single bold stroke. Similarly, his character is all of a piece. In the evolutionary process, Leo represents the stage of psychological integration called "individuation." It confers the ability to assert one's own will and to proclaim, "I want to be me!" The Leonian is determined to be his own master and does not take kindly to those who impinge on his prerogatives. Having established himself as a separate entity, he endeavors to relate all that he perceives back to himself and to the circle of his personal interests.

This circle is analogous to the nimbus of the Sun rather than to the shell of a crab. Leo's power is that of the solar fire which streams out into space without reservation. Its symbol suggests an upturned cup pouring forth its contents. Seasonally, Leo rules during midsummer when the Sun's rays are most intense.

Lordly Leo loves to exhibit his generosity with grandiose gestures. His sovereign spirit can be characterized by the words magnanimous, magnificent, and magniloquent. The Latin root magna is reminiscent of the magi who were kings bearing gifts for the Christ child. Financially, the Leonian likes to think in terms of large round sums, and he often becomes a magnate in business and industry.

The pictogram for this sign has been compared to the proudly swishing tail of the lion, king of beasts. It also resembles the curve of his sweeping mane. (Leo people like to cultivate mane-like heads of hair.) A group of lions is called "a pride," and pride is one of Leo's outstanding traits. The Leonian often becomes "a social lion," and is seldom averse to being lionized by his admirers. His regality may be displayed by the grand manner in which he wields his influence over the subjects he rules. His real mission, however, is to exercise the will to attain dominion over his own instincts and desires.

The Sun is the heart or core of the planetary scheme. Similarly, Leo, the sign of the Sun, is associated with the heart in the body, the nucleus of a cell, and the pivotal point in any system. The word "courageous," which epitomizes the indomitability of Leo, derives from the Latin ***cor,*** meaning heart. Most Leonians like to behave in a hearty or heartfelt way. If not duly appreciated they will feel "heartbroken" or overcompensate by showing off. This glyph has been likened to a heart, but it also suggests the idea of centrality which makes these individuals the most intensely self-aware members of the zodiac.

VIRGO, the Virgin
Mutable Earth
August 24 — September 23

Each sign contrasts with its predecessor. Where Leo is outgoing and demonstrative, Virgo is introspective and discreet. Its assets are modesty and chastity, its liabilities fussiness and prudishness.
The glyph for Virgo represents the female generative organs, closed as in the virgin state. It resembles the letter "M" which stands for Mary (the Virgin), maiden, medicine, measure, and meticulousness. "M" also stands for mind, showing that the major purpose of this sign is to submit all matters (and matter) to a scrupulous analysis, with refinement and purification as the goal. Hence "the virgin" is remarkable for her highly developed faculty of discrimination, which can manifest itself less agreeably as aloofness, squeamishness, and pettiness - all undesirable attributes of the proverbial old maid. Virgo aspires to a standard of purity and perfection which few mortals can hope to attain.
Virgo is symbolized by a maiden carrying a sheaf of wheat - a reminder that people of this temperament are adept at separating the wheat from the chaff. Wheat cannot be eaten in its natural form but must be threshed to detach the particles of grain which are then ground and cooked. Although wheat grows in all parts of the world, it has never been discovered in its wild state and has defied every attempt to trace its origin. Similarly, most Virgoans love nature, but only when cultivated and not in its primeval luxuriance.
The segregated compartments into which this pictograph is divided suggest the sign's tendency to fractionalize every aspect of life, an inclination so pronounced that Virgo has been called "the filing clerk of the zodiac." Anatomically, the principle of analysis describes the function of the pancreas, intestines, and digestive organs, which split up and reduce food to its elementary components in order that the body may select that which serves its requirements and reject whatever it deems unfit for consumption. These assimilative occupations may seem humble when compared to the central

task of the pulsating heart, but they are essential in maintaining the general well-being of the organism.
The Sun is in Virgo during the growing season when the fruits of the earth are garnered, processed, and stored. This is the busy time of year, and no one toils more diligently than the Virgoan workers of the world. As the sign of employment, Virgo is associated with diet and health, serving as a reminder that most people must undertake some form of daily labor in order to feed themselves and survive. Virgoan jobs can be repetitive and dull, but the industrious attention to duty fostered by this sign anticipates the possible privations of the long winter ahead. Proletarian and utilitarian though it may be, it opens the way for a fresh cycle of experience in the second half of the zodiac.

LIBRA, the Scales
Cardinal Air
September 24 — October 23

Libra is the sunset sign. Its glyph represents the Sun sinking below the horizon, half seen and half unseen. As the Sun passes through this midway zone at the autumnal equinox, days and nights are of equal length. Literally, nature reaches a point of balance. Libra deals, therefore, with the complementary halves of life and their joining in partnership.
Libra's symbol is the scales — the balance of justice which weighs and considers the demands of opposing factions. Scales represent the laws of society which conciliate contending parties and effect compromises based on the principle of equal rights. Libra's balance also refers to the laws of harmony and proportion which make this the sign of artistic sensitivity. Ideally, culture-conscious Libra reaps the benefits for which Virgo was willing to work and serve. When the Libran energies are misused, they show the disharmony which results when justice has not been done. Therefore, the sign rules war as well as peace, and enemies as well as friends.
In Latin, the word "liber" means book. This indicates the tendency of justice to operate "by the book." The pictograph for the sign resembles an open book lying face down. At first, Libra seems contradictory since it refers to the regulation of conduct and also to the social graces. It denotes both law and love. Ultimately, however, it shows that the deeper purpose of all relationships is to demonstrate that love is the law of the universe.
Anatomically, Libra refers to the endocrine system which serves as lawgiver for the entire organism, holding all parts in balance and keeping them proportionate to one another. Libra also rules the kidneys which mediate between Virgo's assimilative and Scorpio's eliminative functions, while regulating the liquid content of the body.

Libra's symbol is shaped like a yoke, a reminder that this is the sign of marital and professional partners who must function as a team if they are to accomplish their purpose. Marriage is a union sanctified by formal decree. Leo would as soon have a love affair. Virgo knows better. But ceremonious Libra feels compelled to dignify its liaisons with legal contracts officially signed and sealed.

While the first half of the zodiac deals primarily with individual unfoldment, the second half concerns the evolution of the collective consciousness and emphasizes the structuring of relationships. Libra introduces this social side of the zodiac with fitting decorum. Being new to the rites and rituals of the organized establishment, Libra can overdo its insistence upon the amenities of behavior. Yet this desire that convention be honored ensures the peace of mind and harmony of surroundings which the Libran holds so dear.

When the Sun enters Libra, the year is half gone. Time is becoming more valuable. Therefore, the native of this sign takes special care not to waste his precious hours and days making mistakes which will ultimately have to be rectified.

SCORPIO, the Scorpion and the Eagle
Fixed Water
October 24 — November 22

Scorpio's symbol is unabashedly phallic. The generative organs represented by its pictograph are no longer closed off, as in Virgo, but are potent and active. In contrast with Virgo's preoccupation with propriety, and Libra's need for the niceties of life, Scorpio ruthlessly eliminates nonessentials and penetrates to the depths of things. Natives of this sign have a profound interest in the fundamentally mysterious issues of sex, death, and the afterlife. They harbor strong subterranean drives which set up powerful currents of attraction and repulsion, and this energy must find an outlet. The dual symbolism of the crawling scorpion and the soaring eagle suggests the different levels of expression of the Scorpio-ruled libidinal forces which underlie the sexual instinct.

Scorpio resembles Virgo, not only in the way its glyph is drawn, but also in its predisposition to take things apart and extract the vital element. The signs diverge in that Scorpio is capable of relentlessly eliminating as waste whatever Libra has weighed in her scales, judged, and found superfluous. Virgo, on the other side of the scales, is consummately careful to avoid offense and often prefers to skirt issues that might prove controversial. As an autumnal sign, Scorpio is associated with the dying part of the year when the life-force of the plant retreats to its roots and into the seed.

Scorpio has a grim reputation because of the death-dealing sting in the scorpion's tail, and also because it rules the organs of sex and elimination at

the tail end of the body. Excrement is the despised refuse of the body, while the seminal fluid is its most precious product. Similarly, there are two contrasting types of Scorpians. Those who respond to the coarser vibrations of the sign can be cruel, selfish, and sensual — "stung" by their own passions — while evolved types are represented by the eagle which soars higher than any earthly creature. Mythologically, this bird is portrayed by the phoenix which, after a period of self-immolation, rises reborn from its ashes. Scorpio denotes degeneration and regeneration, death and resurrection.

The glyph for Scorpio, like that for Virgo, resembles an "M." This "M" stands for money. Scorpio, like its polar opposite Taurus, concerns basic resources, being representative of the finances of the partnership entered into in Libra. The Scorpian's resourcefulness and reserve make him an excellent businessman. He is often an efficient manager of other people's funds, for he respects money as one of the fundamental powers of the social organism. (Appropriately, groups which handle large sums of money are called foundations.) Therefore, the eagle of Scorpio is imprinted on every United States dollar, half-dollar, and quarter.

Libra, sign of war and peace, is symbolized by Justice holding a pair of scales in one hand and a sword in the other. The sword implies that even the conciliatory Libran will take aggressive action when affairs slip too far out of balance. Scorpio's eagle also carries the symbols of war and peace in the form of a sheaf of barbed arrows and an olive branch, but the eagle looks away from the arrows and toward the branch. Thus, the transformed Scorpian will struggle to the death for the sake of the values he espouses, even while his eyes are fixed on the ideal of peace.

SAGITTARIUS, the Archer
Mutable Fire
November 23 — December 21

In Sagittarius, life opens out in a new dimension. As winter closes in and nights outlast the days, a man must seek new vistas of the mind. He may turn to religious and philosophical pursuits in compensation for his less frequent contact with nature. If not intellectually inclined, he may engage in sports, games, and travel. These characteristically Sagittarian activities imply goal-directedness. Therefore, the symbol of this sign is the upward-pointing arrow of the archer with a piece of the bow included. This is the shaft of aspiration directed by understanding.

Sagittarians have a reputation for being high-minded, just as Scorpians have a reputation for getting down to the gritty facts of life. Although no sign of the zodiac should be considered superior to any other, the Sagittarian virtues of devotion to truth, pursuit of knowledge, and the maintenance of elevated moral standards are popularly admired. The faults of the sign stem from an

excess rather than a deficiency of exuberance and may include a tendency to proselytize. Over-optimism, especially with regard to enterprises of a speculative nature, such as horse racing or playing the stock market, can scatter the resources so jealously guarded in the previous sign.

Sagittarius is both teacher and preacher. As a teacher, he tries to raise his students' sights to higher verities; as a preacher he realizes that men must be motivated to follow the paths of righteousness. This underlying motive power is symbolized by the equine body of the horse. In mythology, the sign is represented by the wise centaur, Chiron, said to have been the teacher of Achilles, Asclepius, and other ancient heroes. The centaur has immense power in his loins, but he looks forward and aims his bow toward the heavens. The flight of the arrow is but the final outcome of a series of actions. The horse's body, the man's arm, and the bow are all engaged in releasing the shaft which flies out of sight.

Like the arrow, Sagittarians want to ascend, and like the bow, they can be high-strung. As soon as they spy a new vision, they shoot forth a volley of enthusiastic words in order to attract attention to their discovery. Unlike Scorpians, who keep their ideas private until they have been thoroughly substantiated, Sagittarians make the transition from fact to theory with lightning speed and, once the lightning has struck, they listen eagerly for the thunder of applause.

Sagittarius rules the thighs which constitute man's primary means of locomotion. Virtually all members of this sign love to walk, run, or travel. New scenery brings them new ideas. The centaur's four legs enable him to move about freely, while his modern counterpart may be almost as attached to the four wheels of his automobile. Wherever he ranges he wants to journey with a destination in mind. First, he must gain mobility, but his ultimate purpose is to achieve the wisdom to understand whither he goes.

CAPRICORN, the Goat
Cardinal Earth
December 22 — January 20

Ideally, Capricorn practices what Sagittarius preaches, for its purpose is to concretize abstract ideas and give tangible expression to the centaur's vision. As the last of the trinity of earth signs, it signifies the completion of earthly experience.

Capricorn's glyph is obscure, although some see in it a resemblance to the rounded kneecap, the part of the body this sign is said to rule. Despite his ambitious nature, the Capricornian cannot reach his goal until he learns to acknowledge something higher than self. He must bend his knees to a mightier power, even as he would have others kneel before him. Kneeling is the posture considered most suitable for prayer in many religions, while

curtsying and other forms of genuflection are all manifestations of the principle of obeisance implicit in Capricorn.

In addition to the knees, Capricorn has general dominion over the skin, ligaments, joints, bones, nails, teeth and other ossified parts of the body. But the knees and backbone are particularly characteristic of this sign because they enable a man to raise and lower himself at will.

Capricorn is the sign of the executive who is determined to rise to the peak of his profession. He will work unremittingly until he has reached the summit — or the end of his tether. The manner of a Capricornian who is not expressing the better side of his nature can be cold, superior, and patronizing toward those he considers beneath him, and overly solicitous and obsequious toward those he acknowledges as his "betters." Even the more evolved types are notable for their cool and controlled self- containment. This is truly a Janus (January) sign, representing a summation of the achievements of the past, on one side, and serving as a point of departure for greater things to come, on the other. Chronologically, Capricorn links the old and new years.

Both Christ and Caesar are said to have been born in Capricorn. The Caesar image signifies the triumph of the old order when the year is at its end. It represents the ultimate crystallization of the social system into rigidly structured institutions enforcing duty and discipline. The child in Mary's arms holds the promise of the new year, a promise substantiated by the fact that after the winter solstice on December twenty-first, darkness is no longer victorious. The days have started to lengthen and will continue to increase until nature bursts forth once more in springtime splendor. Although Capricorn is reputed to be a wintry, pessimistic sign, its natives have an abiding faith in themselves and in the outcome of their endeavors.

Capricorn's mascot is the mountain goat who sure-footedly ascends the crags where others dare not venture. He can also be the long-faced scapegoat tethered to a peg, patient and persevering, but bound by inexorable fate. This sign's durability includes the ability to endure prolonged hard work. Eventually, however, persistence is rewarded and obstacles are overcome. The well- prepared Capricornian knows that his organizing talent is needed, that he can deliver the goods, and that in time he is bound to achieve the position he deserves.

AQUARIUS, the Water-Bearer
Fixed Air
January 21 — February 19

When a climber has scaled the heights, he is obliged to look around for a broader field of endeavor. A radically new program must be sought, preferably one which involves the opening up of more subtle dimensions of being. The "atom-splitting" potential of the Aquarian mind instigates the

development of scientific techniques which release unsuspected radiations out of the heart of matter and enable man to transcend previous accomplishments.

The study of vibrations and electrical force fields has revealed the permeability of a world previously assumed to be solidly material. The parallel lines, symbolic of Aquarius, indicate its association with the dawning "new age" of scientific enlightenment in which people are becoming increasingly conscious of the invisible waves that pervade the body of space.

Although Aquarius is an air sign, its true nature is sometimes misunderstood because it is depicted by a man carrying an urn of water which he offers to all who will receive it. In ancient times, when astrology was formulated, the concept of radiations and oscillatory impulses passing through the atmosphere and even through solid matter was impossible to convey graphically. The only way people could imagine the existence of such subtle vibratory energies was by thinking of waves on the surface of a lake or sea. Thus, the image of a man with a vessel of water was used to suggest the fluid quality of nature's finer forces.

The generosity with which the water-bearer pours out the contents of his urn shows the liberality with which these vibratory energies are distributed throughout the cosmos. Having ascended the mountain peak of Capricorn (a stage of attainment depicted literally by the placement of Capricorn at the summit of the zodiacal wheel), the Aquarian is less concerned with climbing an executive pyramid than with bringing down and distributing the gains achieved. Thus, where Sagittarius aspires to reach a higher position, Aquarius inspires the multitude below.

Knowledge of the truth is not enough to satisfy the spiritually awakened Aquarian. He wants to make his ideas available to all who strive to uplift mankind. He believes that people everywhere should benefit from the miracles of technology, not merely the privileged few who have achieved material success in the Capricornian phase of development. The true Aquarian is a universalist, as indifferent to social distinctions and prejudices as are radio waves to the walls of buildings. The danger is that he may overreact to the conservatism of the previous sign by becoming rebellious, eccentric, or perverse. On the other hand, if he has failed to develop a social conscience, he may be aimless and ineffectual — up in the air.

Aquarius represents the ankles, the circulatory system, and the aura. The aura is the matrix of electromagnetic emanations which envelops all living things and interfuses them with vitality. When, through the radiatory potency of his subtle psychic force field, an individual serves as a broadcasting center for the energies of will, love, and intelligence, he expresses the highest side of the Aquarian urge to transform the quality of life on this planet.

PISCES, the Fishes
Mutable Water
February 20 — March 20

The sign Pisces is frequently portrayed by two fishes tied together but swimming in opposite directions. This "fishes circle" describes the contradictory nature of the unevolved Piscean whose tendency to work against himself has sometimes caused him to be described as "a poor fish" or "a fish out of water." He may be confused or deceptive, in which case people will suspect that there is something "fishy" about him. But the two fishes may also complement each other as in the Yin-Yang symbol of the ancient Chinese. The enlightened Piscean understands intuitively how to create a meaningful synthesis out of apparent contradictions.

The fish is a symbol of Christ. Images of fishes were scratched in the sand by the early Christians as identifying marks because the Greek initials I. CH. TH. U. S. — standing for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior — made an acronym that spelled "fish." Scholars who are knowledgeable in the field of astrology believe that the symbol was adopted because the vernal equinox was moving into the sign of the fishes, ushering in the Piscean Age.

Although some of his disciples were lowly fishermen, Jesus promised to make them "fishers of men" if they would renounce the world and follow him. He also fed the multitude with loaves and fishes, the loaves representing the opposite sign of the Virgin with her sheaf of wheat. Like the disciples, Pisceans are capable of renouncing their material goods for the sake of spiritual gain. They hold fast to the faith that they will be replenished by some mysterious act of grace — and surprisingly often they are.

The two semicircles have also been likened to crescent Moons representing real and imaginary worlds, even as the Moon on the sea mirrors its counterpart in the sky. Pisceans are intrigued with illusions which may take the form of imaginative creations or escapist fantasies. The more dynamic exponents of this sign are drawn to the arts and enterprises connected with pleasure and entertainment. Their less-realistic brethren succumb to a variety of delusions, refusing to "face facts," and withdrawing into a private world of fantasy, addiction, or obsession.

A vivid sense of the dramatic lures many Pisceans into the theater and show business. Pisces rules the feet and, literally or figuratively, the dancing feet of the elusive Piscean scarcely touch the earth. This sign also rules the astral body whose existence has been denied by science, but which clairvoyants register in terms of shifting color tones surrounding the physical form.

Pisces completes the round of the zodiac. The two sides of its glyph can be recombined to form a circle as complementary halves of life are placed back to back and linked by the line of the horizon. In this manner, opposing aspects of the self pull away from each other, yet are deliberately conjoined.

While Aquarius produces fission (which carries over into the duality of Pisces), members of this final sign yearn for fusion. Pisceans must realize, however, that this is a fusion which occurs in consciousness even while the external world remains divided as before.

SYMBOLS OF THE PLANETS

All creation follows a threefold scheme. First comes *the concept* of what is to be. Something is needed which does not exist. Second, a *method* must be formulated by means of which the concept can be expressed. Third, the *raw material* must be produced which will embody this concept. That is to say, there must be a purpose, a plan, and the substance required to materialize this plan.
These three cosmic principles are called *Spirit, Soul*, and *Matter*. Their qualities are Will, Wisdom, and Activity. Together they constitute a trinity recognized in virtually every religious philosophy.

The symbol of Spirit is the circle.
Since it has neither beginning nor end, the circle represents infinity. Pure and pristine in its simplicity, it needs no augmentation but can be divided. The complete round is the fundamental form of creation. In response to its originating impulse, nature everywhere coalesces into spheres, ranging from galaxies, suns, and planets to drops, cells, and atoms.

The symbol of Soul is the cross.
The cross represents the down-pouring power of Spirit passing through the horizontal plane of Matter. This interaction between spiritual and material realms locates an object or individual in time and space, as in the crossed hairs of a sighting mechanism or the intersecting X and Y axes of a graph. Hence, the cross is the symbol of man's crucifixion, and of the Spirit suffering the limitations of confinement within a body of flesh. The ego, set apart from the continuity of Life, simultaneously glories in its uniqueness and suffers the anguish of being alone. The cross divides man within himself and separates him from the world.
As an entity increases the scope of its outgoing relationships with the universe beyond itself, the number of horizontal bars multiplies and the cross begins to rotate on its axis until the horizontal lines form the equator of a spinning orb. Thus, symbolically, the cross becomes the three-dimensional sphere.

The symbol of Matter is the lower half of the circle of Spirit.
This bowl-shaped figure results from the division of the original sphere into higher and lower states, and shows that Matter is subordinate to Spirit and only half complete. It may be considered to be a chalice containing as much of the power of Spirit as any form can express.

The vertical arc of the circle resembles a crescent Moon.
The Moon and Matter are associated with the feminine pole of creation which results from the division of the perfect whole into opposing positive and negative forces. However, the symbol for Matter is an abstraction while the symbol for the Moon is filled out to suggest the actual shape of the lunar orb. The Soul is born of "the mating" or crossing of Spirit and Matter, and thereafter serves as a focusing agent or medium of transmission for spiritual impressions.
Some astrologers correlate the cross with Matter and the Moon with Soul, thereby reversing the order given above. According to this assignation, the lunar signs Taurus and Cancer would be associated with Soul and not with material growth. Taurus would cease to complement Aries, and Cancer would cease to complement Leo.
There should be no reason to debate this point because in every astrological system the Sun represents the positive and the Moon represents the negative pole of creation. Traditionally, and logically, these poles are associated with Spirit and Matter, God the Father and Mother Nature, male and female, active and passive principles.
The cross, composed of the vertical line of Spirit and the horizontal line of Matter, represents the interplay between these cosmic parents. Thus, the cross is the Soul in man and nature which comes into being as a result of the relationship between primal opposites. At the same time, it is the seat of consciousness which gives rise to any entity's innate capacity for relationships. Spirit incarnates in Matter via the Soul, and Matter is re-spiritualized via the same mediating factor. Both processes involve a form of "crucifixion" as man is torn between contending dualities.
The cross is also the symbol of Christ, often pictured as a child, or as the babe born in Bethlehem. Metaphysically, Christ is the redeeming principle described by St. Paul as "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Similarly, Christ is reported to have said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."
This is an issue which the student need not decide on authority, but which can be resolved through study and reason.
The glyphs for the planets are composed of various combinations of these three elements. In each case, the arrangement of the circle, semicircle, and cross suggests the way the planet operates. Signs of the zodiac express

geometrically determined relationships within the cosmic hyper-sphere. Planets focus the effects of the multi-dimensional energies which flow through this zodiacal lens to produce terrestrial phenomena.

☉ The Sun — The Source of Life

The symbol for the Sun represents the circle of Spirit with the addition of a dot at its center. This pivotal point makes the figure vital and dynamic. It shows that Spirit has manifested itself through a particular form, thereby incarnating in Matter.

The Sun represents the individualizing principle in nature. It is the ego or nucleus of any being and the determinant of its identity. The inherent purpose of each separate entity is to radiate light and power just as the solar orb illumines the vault of the sky. It has been said that God is a circle whose center is everywhere and whose periphery is nowhere. Within this boundless sphere of potential existence every animate unit is a miniature Sun or center of creative self-expression.

An ancient aphorism states, "Man is the microcosm of the macrocosm." This means that man, the dot within the center of the circle, reflects the entire round of the heavens. He is linked by a direct radius to every segment of surrounding sky. All the powers of the universe have their correspondence in his Soul, which is the focused image of Spirit projected into the heart of Matter. Eventually, he must consciously reaffirm his kinship with the starry spaces of his celestial environment which he finds to be not empty but throbbing with life and surging with a love that unifies every separate part within the larger Whole.

All existence involves an interplay between a central point containing an infinite number of dimensions, and an infinite number of points of no dimension. As long as man is preoccupied with superficial affairs he finds himself wandering far out on the edge of this hyper-sphere, but when he awakens to the radiance within himself, he is drawn back to its emanating center. From the periphery, the many small entities journey toward their mutual point of origin, each one following its own radius. Thus their paths converge to bring them closer to each other as well as to their common goal.

Anatomically, the Sun represents the heart which impels the blood to circulate and vitalize the entire community of cells. It is the source of life at the core of any system. In an individual horoscope, the Sun stands for the native's sense of identity, and also for any positive male figure of authority with whom one might identify, such as a father, husband, or sovereign. It represents the will of the true Self and indicates the lines along which this essential quality of being can most advantageously be expressed. Symbolically, every individual is a small Sun whose ultimate purpose is to realize his innate potential and become an enlightening influence in his own milieu.

☽ The Moon

Within the horoscope, the Moon discloses how a person's inner feelings accord with his observable behavior and the objective facts of his situation. The Sun-Moon relationship is a particularly sensitive indicator of the extent to which an individual is in harmony with his environment. The Moon's track around the Sun is shaped like a gear with thirteen cogs, representing the thirteen lunar months which mesh the Earth into the rest of the solar system.

As the cosmic mechanism of response, the Moon symbolizes the ability to adjust to the ever-changing challenges, pressures, and opportunities of daily existence. It shows the capacity of the total organism to assure its welfare through the arousal of feelings and desires. Without these emotional reactions the body would be indifferent to its own survival. Consequently, the Moon represents the mother who assumes this protective function for the helpless infant.

Some esotericists have called the Moon "the prison house of the soul," because of the extent to which man is at the mercy of his moods. However, when the Moon has lost its power to delude, this shell of sentient matter becomes a lighted house in which the Soul gladly dwells, and which it illumines from within.

☿ Mercury — The Messenger

Mercury serves as emissary for the Sun which it alternately precedes and follows. (In a horoscope, Mercury and the Sun are never more than twenty-eight degrees apart.) The task of this wing-footed messenger of the gods is to weave the shimmering strands of light which stream through space into a web of intricate design. Shuttling back and forth with wavelike motion, it draws parallel threads together and binds the frayed edges of the universe into a vibrant network of meaningful connections.

While the glyph for the Sun expresses primal unity, and the two horns of the Moon convey the concept of duality, the figure for Mercury is triple. The Moon surmounts the Sun, which is placed over the cross of the Soul. Mercury represents the practical mind. It is intelligence crowned with Matter. Hence, the quality of intellect is directly influenced by whatever the Moon is "reflecting" — whether this be the light of Spirit or the singeing flame of material desires. Even the word "mercurial" suggests the lunar quality of changeability.

Mercury mediates between the pairs of opposites. If the Sun is the cosmic father and the Moon is the cosmic mother, then Mercury is their child, neither positive nor negative but pre-pubescently neuter. Human progress begins with Mercury's gift of analysis. Through the use of the discriminating mind, man can hasten and control his own evolution. He can formulate concepts, explain ideas, and manipulate matter. Mercury represents the gradually accruing knowledge which enables ***Homosapiens***, the thinking man, to study

not only the external world of nature, but also to observe the nature of his inner world of thought and feeling.

The astrologer who wishes to ascertain the manner in which a person's mind works must look to the placement of Mercury in the natal chart. This planet provides a channel for the will to communicate and shows how an individual registers and classifies the phenomenal effects which impinge upon his senses. If its operations are restricted, then all other potentialities, no matter how impressive, may remain unexploited. The Sun is consciousness in the sense of essential being; but without Mercury's talent for making connections, this central identity would constitute nothing more than a vast incomprehensible abstraction — a mind with no nerves. Anatomically, Mercury rules the nervous system whose impulses vivify every tissue and cell of the body, relating objective and subjective realms of experience.

Mercury is sometimes associated with mischievous, childlike, and amoral behavior. Yet without this agile offspring, the Sun and Moon would remain aloof and isolated from each other, accomplishing nothing. The Mercurial intellect partakes equally of the Sun's ability to act and the Moon's capacity to react. Deriving its qualities from both parents, the mind can operate in two directions simultaneously. Thought can be employed to analyze or to synthesize, to divide or to rejoin the multitude of separate perceptions by which man is attached to the various worlds with which he interacts.

Venus — The Goddess of Love and Beauty

The symbol for Venus resembles the symbol of Mercury without 'the Moon on top. The circle of Spirit is not held down by the weight of Matter but rises out of the corporeal world as though re-ascending to its own realm. This glyph can also be taken to depict the Sun energizing the field of relationships (the cross) and stimulating growth.

Venus represents the cosmic principle of attraction which causes all things to cohere into orderly designs. It carries out nature's beneficent decree that ever finer forms of esthetic expression be fashioned. Thus, the cross anchors the circle of the Sun to earth and makes its power demonstrably effective.

Mythologically, Venus is the Roman goddess of love and beauty. The Venusian desire for harmony sublimates the basic sexual urge into socially acceptable modes of behavior which promote cultural enterprises and ensure mutual cooperation. Venus sounds the mating call which draws the opposite sexes together, but at the same time insists upon the adornments and proprieties which hold male and female apart. In this way, the instinct for procreation is channeled into artistic creation. The romantic influence of this planet is seen in the colors of flowers, songs of birds, and all the amorous devices of nature which make the coming together of the sexes an ecstatic ritual of courtship and union. Mercury, the stellar master of ceremonies, has initiated the festivities by introducing the partners to each other. Now Venus plays the tune to which they enact their roles in the great dance of love.

The symbol for this planet may be imagined as a looking glass in which the goddess of beauty contemplates her captivating reflection. Venus is Nature, the coquette, courting admiration by showing off in a multitude of ingeniously contrived disguises. In its more elevated aspect, the Venusian spirit is displayed in every graceful form and act of devotion which mirrors the divine quality of love.

In the body, Venus rules the venous circulation, the afferent nerves, and all inwardly directed impulses. It refers to the taking in and absorption of food, sensations, and affections, as well as to the feeling of gratification resulting from their assimilation. As the power to attract and to create an alluring appearance, this agreeable planet richly deserves its traditional title of the ***lesser benefic***.

Mars — The Warrior

The outgoing potency of Mars contrasts sharply with the ingathering feminine magnetism of Venus. Originally, the glyph for this planet of personal initiative was drawn with a cross instead of a barb on top, in the following manner:

The cross surmounting the circle shows that the Spirit in man and nature must submit to the necessity for struggle and pain. Venus glorifies matter, but Mars sets out to conquer and overcome the limitations of earthly experience.

The commonly used symbol for Mars has sexual overtones, as does the symbol for the sign Scorpio of which it is co-ruler. The uprising arrow represents the instinct of aggression, the passionate urge to pierce through resisting barriers and to fight for the objects desired. In Greek mythology, Mars was known as Ares, the god of battle, and to this day he maintains his reputation as the warrior of the zodiac.

Venus, which circles the Sun on the inner side of Earth's orbit, draws all things inward toward the center. Mars, by contrast, travels on the outer side of Earth and pulls all things away from the center. The former is a centripetal force, the latter a centrifugal force. In the natal chart, their relationship to each other pertains to an individual's social adjustment, just as the relationship between the Sun and the Moon describes basic character.

Earth, which is located between Mars and Venus, is symbolized by a circle containing a cross — a figure resembling the framework of the horoscope. This cross suggests a man standing with outstretched arms. He represents neither Spirit nor Matter but the indissoluble union of the two. A person walks with his spine erect, yet nature requires him to spend a part of each day in a horizontal position. The cross within the circle also refers to the four directions, the four seasons, and the four elements. Since Earth is, symbolically, at cross-purposes with itself, occultists have labeled it "the star of suffering." The three related arrangements of the same components are shown below:

Venus ♀ **Earth** ⊕ **Mars** ♂

Venus shows the Spirit rising above material limitations and aspiring to return to its source. Mars shows the Spirit held down by the weight of the cross. Man on Earth is torn between these opposing drives. He craves the peace and harmony of the Venusian ideal, yet his Martian assertiveness makes him an instigator of war and strife.

Mars rules the arterial circulation, efferent nerves, the elimination of waste products, and the body's emission of heat. However, it can function effectively only in cooperation with Venus. If the Sun and Moon are the father and mother of creation Mars and Venus are the heavenly lovers, magnetically drawn together, with each one needing what the other has to give in order to achieve completion.

♃ **Jupiter — The Prophet**

The glyph for Jupiter shows the crescent Moon turned outward and surmounting an arm of the cross. It is reminiscent of Venus but with the Moon rather than the Sun raised aloft. This elevated Moon suggests the spiritualizing of Matter through the orderly process of evolution. Jupiter, the planet of wisdom and planned expansion, is related to the Moon and Venus because the unfoldment of man's higher abstract mind is a natural outgrowth of his gradually developing psychic mechanism of personal feelings and social responses.

According to legend, the infant Jupiter, known as Zeus to the Greeks and as Jove to the Romans, was raised on the milk of a goat whose horns continually overflowed with food and drink. This was the origin of the horn of plenty, or cornucopia. Therefore, Jupiter's symbol shows a horned Moon pouring out its gifts through the cross of experience. Mythologically, Jupiter was supreme among the gods. The name Jupiter derives from the words "Jovis Pater," meaning Father Jupiter.

Although Jupiter is a planet of growth, its function extends far beyond the capacity to accumulate raw materials (in the manner of the Moon) and to arrange them into pleasing patterns (in the manner of Venus). Jupiter coordinates the assimilated personal and interpersonal experience of the Moon and Venus. The Moon represents the masses and Venus represents society, but Jupiter represents the collective order which determines the behavior of aggregates of individuals. The Moon signifies simple quantity. Venus adds quality, and Jupiter is mindful of the deeper implications of what has been wrought. Since this farseeing planet operates within the confines of Saturnian convention, its expansiveness is generally contained within the bounds of propriety.

Together, the Moon, Venus, and Jupiter represent successive stages in the evolution of consciousness through the creation of family, social, and civic

relationships. Jupiter lives up to its name of the ***greater benefic*** by bestowing the abundance for which the Moon provides the raw materials and Venus the artistic inspiration. It stimulates the mind to look beyond the names and forms of things in order to encompass their deeper purposes and philosophical implications.

Physically, Jupiter is a large planet in keeping with the largesse it promises. It is also extremely light, being composed of rarefied gases, and conveys a corresponding psychological quality of buoyancy. However, the real magnitude of Jupiter lies in its power of vision. The spiritually evolved Jupiterian has the gift of prophecy and is imbued with an optimistic faith in nature's abundance. As a result of this capacity for positive thinking, he is often favored with the personal prestige and general prosperity he assumes to be his due.

♄ Saturn — The Lawgiver

The glyph for Saturn is composed of the same cross and crescent as the glyph for Jupiter, but this time the cross is on top and the crescent turns inward. Unlike the Jupiterian, who derives satisfaction from ownership, the Saturnian person feels burdened with the weight of material responsibilities. The cross then becomes the symbol of crucifixion and, like the marker on a grave it casts a gloomy shadow.

As the planet of limitation, Saturn demarcates not only the circle in space, but also the cycle in time. Being concerned with endings, Saturn stands for seniority, senility, and the termination of life. Anatomically, it rules the skin which confines, and the skeleton which defines, the structure of the body. It represents the contracting, crystallizing tendencies of the aging process whereby forms grow hard and rigid, finally becoming so brittle that they shatter and are pulverized into the dust from which new forms are shaped. The power of Saturn can be impersonally compressive or personally oppressive according to circumstance.

All lives are limited by time and death. Saturn's symbol is the sickle with which Father Time, the grim reaper, cuts down the harvest of man's years. Mythologically, Saturn is Cronus, the god who killed and ate his children — which, if not a pleasant image, is at least a graphic way of saying that whatever is born ***of*** time, dies ***in*** time.

Saturn solidifies structures. Although it can be a tough taskmaster, its walls are basically protective and its restrictions ensure growth and survival, as well as death. While occupying a place in space and time, all entities must bow to the Saturnian necessity to abide by the law, whether these laws be natural or man-made decrees. Should they refuse to cooperate, conflict ensues and forces the often painful process of discovery that freedom arises only out of self-control. Thus, laws can be external like the skin and shell, or internal like the backbone of an organism.

Saturn can denote a hard time — or hard work. It is often feared because it dictates that each individual shall receive precisely what he deserves, regardless of whether he thinks he deserves it or not. It is exact and exacting. Once its discipline has been accepted, however, Saturn turns and shows its true nature as the planet of perfect justice and highest achievement. Adherence to duty is rewarded in full measure.

In infancy, Saturn's touch is gentle upon the malleable clay of sentient substance. As time presses on, however, the grinding edge is sharpened on the inexorably revolving wheels of fate which shape the hardening form. For some individuals this compulsory polishing of character entails resistance, friction, and pain. Then Saturn's mill wheels are regarded as gears in a malevolent mechanism which relentlessly crushes and pulverizes whatever has become withered or encrusted with extraneous matter. Only those who submit willingly to this refining process can shed their dry husks and become like grain which, having been threshed, ground, and kneaded, is transformed into bread, the staff of life.

It is possible to trace a line of development linking the Sun, Mars, and Saturn, which parallels the line linking the Moon, Venus, and Jupiter. Mars is called the ***lesser malefic*** and Saturn the ***greater malefic***. Mars projects the Sun's primal fire into the storm and heat of battle; Saturn shuts it out in the icy cold of death. Yet they work according to plan — for conflict and death release the Spirit imprisoned in Matter and permit its return to the solar reservoir of radiant energy from whence it originally came.

Uranus — The Awakener

The symbol for Uranus is said to be a representation of the letter "H" in honor of its discoverer William Herschel. At this point, the tidy system of circle, cross, and crescent seems to break down. However, many astrologers consider the upright pillars of the "H" to be two crescent Moons placed back to back in the following manner:

The deviant construction of this glyph serves as a reminder that Uranus is the most eccentric of the planets. It even travels in a freakish way. Instead of spinning like a top, Uranus lies on its "side" and rolls about its orbit. This causes its five Moons to appear to revolve backward, even though they move in normal fashion with regard to the planet itself. Consequently, Uranus stands for all that is anomalous, original, and unconventional.

Between the two outward-facing crescents, the cross surmounts the circle, showing the Mars-like power Uranus exerts to shatter and transform outmoded structures and strictures of the past. In its cool, impersonal way, Uranus unleashes a force more potent than any previously known to man. It stands for electricity and for atomic radiation (first released through the agency of the element Uranium). Novices can remember the symbol for the planet because it appears to be dropping a bomb. These explosive energies

may at first seem destructive, but they are required to smash through Saturnian walls and liberate the spirit of man.
Uranus is generally considered to be "a higher octave" of Mercury. Hence, its glyph includes the twin pillars of Mercury's sign Gemini, which stands for the ability to relate the dualities of life. The cross depicts the forces circulating between these two poles. Mercury makes logical connections, but Uranus, having gone beyond the bounds of Saturn, overleaps the barriers of space and time. Mercury rules the telephone which is dependent on wires, while Uranus rules radio waves flashing through the ether. Mercury is the nervous system, but Uranus is the electrical force which flows freely through the subtle nerve channels and radiates into the atmosphere.
The intuitive insight of Uranus is apt to come in flashes. It is original, scientific, and devoid of sentimentality. Uranus is neither benefic nor malefic but, like lightning, illumines or shatters with scant regard for the havoc left in its wake. As an electromagnetic dynamo with an alternating current, Uranus is not sexless like Mercury, but bisexual, being simultaneously masculine and feminine. It is revolutionary in its mission of overthrowing Saturn's established order, as well as in the literal sense that electricity circulates around a central rod and causes wheels to revolve. Uranus sets out not merely to reform but to transform the world. To accomplish this stupendous task, it must draw upon sources of energy superior to those on which mankind has traditionally been dependent.

♆ Neptune — The Lord of the Sea

Neptune's symbol, the trident, signifies sovereignty over the sea. Metaphysically, this sea is the reservoir of primal substance from which all forms are fashioned and into which all are reabsorbed. It is the oceanic flux of ceaseless change as well as the waters which cover and permeate the earth. Neptune dissolves the scattered debris left over from Uranian upheavals so that the residue may recede into the whirling torrent of undifferentiated matter to be re-individualized in a new cycle.
The trident depicts the chalice of the Moon superimposed upon the cross of the Soul. Chalice and cross together represent the psychic effluvium known as the ***anima mundi***, "'the soul of all things," and the sentient principle in nature. Neptune is the consort of the Moon with which it shares dominion over the waters of space. Therefore, Neptune's trident is sometimes drawn as though composed of two crescent Moons, the one mirroring the other.
As a higher octave of Venus, Neptune tantalizes the senses with the ideal of a surpassing love and beauty beyond the capacity of the ego-encapsulated intellect to conceive. It terminates existence in the mundane world, not through the slow constriction of Saturn or the smashing impact of Uranus, but as a blessed release into a heaven of peace and bliss. Neptune carries the love of Venus and the foresight of Jupiter beyond Saturnian limitations and

onto a higher plane of consciousness where it envisions the ultimate redemption of matter.

Neptune completes the sequence of the Moon, Venus, and Jupiter, showing that the final outcome of growth is the crossing of the threshold of the physical realm into a subtler dimension of being. This planet transcends the separative personality and is primarily concerned with mass emotions and mass movements. If unsuccessful in its socializing action, Neptune may also stir up the mess into which foggy idealism can plunge a crowd of misguided people. Since so few human beings respond sensibly to its ethereal vibrations, Neptune's influence is almost invariably diffused, like a ray of light passing through the surface of a pool.

In the horoscope, Neptune can indicate compassion or confusion. It engenders saintliness and satanism, spiritual sensitivity and susceptibility to drugs, dreams, and delusions. The lightning flashes which Uranus evokes out of the atmosphere are brought down by Neptune and dispersed through every luminously responsive cell in the teeming world of nature. In the human kingdom, the Neptunian energies instill a deep yearning to renounce the pursuit of passing mirages in order to contemplate and reflect upon the numinous essence of all being.

Scientists now know that nothing is as solid as it seems. Yet orthodox investigators still presume that only the physical universe is genuinely real. Under the aegis of Neptune, the illusory quality of the world of phenomenal effects begins to impress the mind of the seeker who undertakes to navigate the surging sea of cosmic consciousness in which all creatures swim like fishes, unaware of the subtle currents in which they drift and from which they draw their sustenance.

Pluto — The Lord of the Netherworld

The symbol for Pluto is sometimes written as an amalgam of the letters "P" and "L" in honor of the astronomer Percival Lowell who calculated that a planet must exist beyond Neptune. The true discoverer of Pluto was Clyde Tombaugh.

No one seems to know how modern astronomers were inspired to assign Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto to their correct places within the pantheon of ancient gods and goddesses. The coincidence that Percival Lowell's initials happened to form the first two letters of the name Pluto hardly accounts for the fact that this planet received its correct astrological name after being discovered February 18, 1930.

Since modern personalities are not congruent with the Olympian deities, most astrologers have discarded the alphabetically formed glyph in favor of Pluto's proper symbol which is composed of the 'cross of the Soul and the chalice of the Moon, cradling the seed of the Sun or Spirit. This seed of new life, enfolded by the husk of the past, signifies the Plutonian potential for

regeneration and renewal. The seed generally appears in the most remote part of the plant, and similarly, Pluto is the most remote planet in the solar system. Mythologically, Pluto is lord of the netherworld. Therefore, the seed must be buried in the earth before it can grow toward the light.

There has been surprisingly little controversy among astrologers with regard to the meanings of Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto, even though the nature of Pluto is inherently inscrutable. Despite the fact that these planets are billions of miles out in the solar system, their effects have proven so potent that virtually every astrologer now takes them into consideration. The influence of these planets is mainly on groups, although they also seem to affect the lives of individuals who are sufficiently evolved to tune in on their subtle vibrations, or in whose natal charts they are strongly placed. Uranus transforms) Neptune transcends, and Pluto makes the great transition into a new state of being. As the supremely potent seed which abstracts and concentrates the life of the plant, Pluto is not only an end product but the beginning of the reborn entity.

Pluto is considered to be a higher octave of Mars, with the difference that it does not project outward but retreats penetratively inward. Then when Pluto's deep instinctual power finally bursts loose, it resembles a volcano erupting from the bowels of the earth rather than a bomb exploding. While Neptune is a down-pouring avataric energy which falls like rain and spreads pervasively throughout the material world, Pluto extracts the essences of outworn forms and canalizes them in a sudden fiery upsurge. It is the stalk shooting skyward from the seed, the phoenix mounting up from its ashes, the soul ascending to heaven. Among yogis, Pluto is known as the root-force ***Kundalini***, "the serpent power," which after a disciplined life of prolonged meditation can be induced to rise up the spine and into the head of the illumined sage.

Pluto, like Mars, is associated with sex as a force which ensures the perpetuation of life. The only cells in the body which have the potential for immortality are the reproductive cells formed in the lower depths. In Pluto, the processes of sex and death merge. The seed dies that the plant may be renewed. Man, too, must die for the sake of resurrection into a higher form.

PLANETS IN THE SIGNS

In the previous section, the astrological characteristics of the Sun, Moon, and planets were described. The next step is to consider the ways in which the influences of these heavenly bodies are modified by the qualities of the signs through which they are passing.

Stellar Semantics

Just as verbs and adverbs are combined into phrases, planetary and zodiacal meanings are combined to describe the subject of a natal chart. The planet

acts; the sign tells how it acts. Later, adjectives (planetary aspects), and objects (the twelve houses), will be introduced in order to supply additional information. In this manner, the astrologer can assemble a series of sentences which sum up the drama of an individual's life history.

It is important to be aware of the distinction between a planet and the sign it rules. For example, Mercury and Gemini are both associated with communications. However, Mercury being a dynamic factor, or life-principle, is a source of energy, while Gemini represents a conditioning attitude which provides a suitable channel through which this energy can be expressed.

In astrological parlance, the Sun and Moon are called ***luminaries***, or ***lights***. For the sake of convenience, however, the convention of referring to them as planets will occasionally be followed. In the original Greek, the word "planet" meant wanderer. Therefore, astrologers call these members of the solar system which appear to move against the stationary backdrop of the stars, "planets."

Similarly, it is customary to speak of planetary "influences," even though all astrologers realize that the causal relationships involved are far more complex than this outdated term implies. Since existing words cannot adequately express the idea of cosmic correspondences occurring simultaneously on different levels of being, misunderstandings sometimes arise through too literal a translation from the symbolism of the signs and planets to the symbolism of the spoken language.

These semantic difficulties have led to the accusation that astrologers confuse the signs and constellations because they bear the same name. Most astrologers are cognizant of the astronomical basis of their calculations, but their descriptive phraseology is derived from an era when the distinctions between geocentric (Earth-centered) and heliocentric (Sun-centered) points of view, as well as the distinctions between signs and constellations, were not popularly understood. At the present time, certain words may be archaic, but the thinking behind them is not. Every science has its own terminology, and astrology is no exception.

Astrological Affinities

Every planet rules a sign of the zodiac with which its energies naturally blend. Thus, Mars, the planet of initiative, rules Aries, the sign of beginnings; Venus, the planet of attraction, rules Taurus, the sign of possessions; Mercury, the planet of communications, rules Gemini, the sign of connections, and so forth. Each planet is also ***exalted*** in a sign with which it has a deeper affinity. For instance, the Sun, exalted in Aries, is the emanating source from which creation springs. The Moon, exalted in Taurus, measures the rhythms inherent in nature. Mercury, exalted in Virgo, bestows the faculty of discrimination.

Certain planets and signs are temperamentally incompatible. These uncongenial signs are said to be detrimental to the action of the planet placed

therein. Mars is in ***detriment*** in Libra because its militant impulses must be subordinated to the necessity for compromise. Too pugnacious and assertive to harmonize with Libra's love of ease, Mars throws the scales out of balance.
The least congenial situation occurs when a planet is in its ***fall*** in a sign. The Sun is in its fall in Libra because this midway sector deals less with originating causes than with the outcome of previously launched enterprises. The power to act is subordinated to the obligation to cope with the effects of what has already been done.
Planetary rulerships, exaltations, detriments, and falls give the key to the metaphysical significance of the zodiac as a pathway of the soul.
The ruling planet of one sign is always in detriment in the opposite sign of the zodiac — that is, six signs removed. An exalted planet is in its fall in the sign opposite its exaltation. People with planets in the signs of their detriment or fall have as much inherent ability as those whose planets are more happily placed, but they are likely to encounter obstacles in drawing upon their resources.

Elements, Qualities, & Polarities

Signs are divided into four Triplicities, three Quadruplicities, and Two Polarities. The triplicities are composed of the elements fire, earth, air, and water. The Quadruplicities are composed of Cardinal, Fixed, and Mutable qualities. The Polarities, termed positive and negative, are also called male and female, or active and passive.
The new student need not memorize these combinations by rote. The descriptions of the behavior of the planets in the next section should make the rationale of the various correspondences virtually self-evident. Owing to their internal consistency, the rules of astrology will eventually seem as natural as the grammar of a familiar language.

The Art of Synthesis

In interpreting the meanings of the planets in the signs, it is imperative to realize that these influences operate in terms of the unique structure of the natal chart. Everything must be considered in context. No zodiacal position can be correctly understood unless the astrologer also takes into account aspects, houses, progressions, and the general balance of the natal chart with regard to Triplicities, Quadruplicities, and Polarities. These varying interactions are as complex as the nature of the subject whose chart is being analyzed.
An individual may react positively or negatively to the same factors according to his place on the evolutionary path. Thus, Mars in Scorpio may land one person in "hot water" because of his vindictive outbursts, while another will use the same aggressive force to push "full steam" ahead.
Often, conflicting tendencies are indicated. A Mars-Aries person with the Moon and Saturn in Cancer might be positive and outgoing in his actions,

especially where major issues are concerned, but, at the same time, overly sensitive to other people's reactions to him personally. In such an instance, the astrologer can assume that both sets of influences will operate, and that since Aries squares Cancer, the urge to push forward at one moment and to retreat at the next will produce inner conflict. Other factors will show how these stresses may be resolved.

The paradoxes implicit in every personality are productive of the dramatic situations that make human life endlessly varied and eventful. Nevertheless, inconsistent behavior raises numerous problems. The astrologer can be forewarned of the probabilities of success or failure in his undertakings because of his greater awareness of the potentialities existing in a situation from the moment of its inception.

The complexity of astrology should not discourage the novice from making a start as best they can. A little learning may be a dangerous thing, but no learning can be even more dangerous. With practice, the neo-astrologer learns to synthesize a variety of indicants into a single coherent picture, much as they would note the assorted traits of a friend but at the same time regard them as a unified personality. Some individuals are, of course, better integrated than others, and this quality of cohesiveness is reflected in the natal chart. As long as the student realizes that one influence is always subject to modification by others, textbook delineations can prove relevant and helpful.

The Outer Planets

The Sun and Moon symbolize a person's essential nature. They indicate what he is at the core of his being. Mercury tells how he expresses himself to the world, and also how he perceives the world via the senses, thereby setting up reciprocal lines of communication. Venus and Mars show his attitude toward other people, especially with regard to sex, business, and human relationships. Jupiter and Saturn are less personal and orient the individual to society. The positions of these ponderous planets suggest certain basic assumptions about a person's moral and ethical outlook, his sense of responsibility, and his philosophy of life.

The necessity to consider the planets beyond Mars from a collective-point of view correlates with the astronomical fact of their slower progression through the zodiac. Saturn spends approximately two and a half years in each sign, requiring twenty-nine and a half years to complete its circuit around the Sun. Therefore, any commentary on the meaning of Saturn in Aries would apply to everyone born between May 1937 and March 1940, with the exception of a few months when Saturn temporarily left Aries due to its ***retrograde motion***. In judging the specific effects of Saturn and Jupiter in a horoscope, major emphasis must be given to house positions and aspects, even though the signs still modify the quality of their expression.

Since Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto require about seven, fourteen, and twenty-one years, respectively, to journey through each sign, it is unwise to ascribe specific qualities to an individual on the strength of their zodiacal positions. One can speak only in terms of certain overriding influences that affect a particular age group.

Thus, the passage of Uranus (which concerns freedom of self-expression) through the signs, helps to account for the various areas of rebellion that differentiate one age group from another born only seven years earlier. The slower transits of Neptune and Pluto give the clue to the more basic transformations which divide whole generations from each other and from their ancestors.

To make the meanings of the planets in the signs more graphic, each description has been prefaced with a keynote and a symbol. These word pictures should be clearly visualized so that they may serve as keys to lock associated ideas securely in the mind.

THE PLANETS THROUGH THE SIGNS

THE SUN through the Signs

Sun in Aries

***Keynote*: The power of individuality manifests through personal initiative.**

***Symbol*: Rays of a rising Sun splash the sky with streaks of red and gold.**

Aries is the springtime sign of the zodiac. People born at this rosy dawning of the year are set to spring into activity. They glory in launching new enterprises, even while leaving previous projects for others to finish. They are direct, headstrong, and aggressive. Dashing off in all directions, the Arian must be ever on the go. Their main difficulty is in controlling their impulses, and avoiding the scattering of their forces.

Mars as ruler of Aries intensifies its hotheaded disposition. The exalted Sun adds executive power, energy, vitality, and optimism. Since the effects of an exalted planet are as favorable as those of the ruler of a sign, the placement of the Sun in Aries, at the head of the zodiacal procession, is conducive to individual accomplishment.

Arians may not achieve the fame of Librans and Aquarians (signs in which the Sun is less strongly placed) because they refuse to curry favors from others and may be downright undiplomatic in the pursuit of their aims. However, they have the boldness to assert their own ideas and are known as the pioneers of the zodiac.

The sign shines regally from the center of the solar system, while Mars, its marshal, issues commands and enforces its will. Careful attention should be paid to the aspects of Mars in the horoscopes of persons born with the Sun in Aries in order to ascertain the direction their drive for objective self-expression is likely to take.

‘Solarians’ have a fervent longing for independence and like to fancy themselves to be free souls. As leaders they sway the destiny of others but soon grow impatient with the restraints imposed by mundane responsibilities. They aspire to know the truth but avoid becoming burdened by the consequences of their truth seeking endeavors.

When their affairs become too complex they wield the cutting edge of Mars as a sword to sever knots of bureaucratic red tape. Then, oblivious to the havoc left in their wake, they march forward fearlessly in search of new fields to conquer.

The Arian moves people to action through the heat of their personal enthusiasm. They are idea people, but frequently someone else must lay the groundwork if their concepts are to take root in the material world. They may also be a rolling stone who, if permitted to go first, will clear a path on which others may walk.

However, if relegated to the rear, they may roll on heedlessly mowing down all that are so foolish as to impede their progress. There is nothing rancorous about this flattening of obstructing objects. They are what they are, and that is all there is to it.

Aries people suffer from their own carelessness, recklessness, and immoderate behavior - qualities that may in turn inflict suffering on others. Theirs can be the unwitting selfishness that results from excessive impulsiveness. Utterly spontaneous and moved by the mood of the moment, immature types may be so blithely unaware of their adolescent self-centeredness that it is impossible to resent them, especially since their intentions are nearly always honorable. Although seldom deliberately unkind, they may fail to consider the effects of their words or the far-reaching implications of their casual conduct.

The more evolved Arian will never say die but is ever ready to rise to new and adventurous challenges. Their feeling is that the whole day lies ahead and they are eager to be up and doing.

Sun sign Arians want to stand out from the crowd, and have the will to succeed. They are basically uncomplicated, direct in their approach, and able to cope in a straightforward way with the day-to-day problems of life. They strip away everything that is not necessary to the achievement of their goals, whether these are immediate or long-term. Their ability to see clearly the essential elements of important decisions is both enviable and convincing.

Deep resources of determination help Arians when reacting to challenge, although a tendency to rush in regardless can cause problems.

Achievement is vital; if it is lacking, either in the career or an all-important hobby, Arians can become physically or psychologically sick and extremely difficult to live with. This is often because of their worst Arian fault, selfishness, which is almost certain to appear to some extent during every Arian's life.

Sun in Taurus

***Keynote*: The power of individuality manifests through appreciation of values.**

***Symbol*: A country squire surveys his land and livestock.**

Taureans are generally content with the simple pleasures of life, such as good food, a comfortable home, and a satisfying sexual relationship. Of all the zodiacal representatives they are best attuned to Earth and its creatures. They understand children, animals, and plant-life, frequently being possessors of the proverbial 'green thumb'. Their talent for making things grow can also apply to money.

Taureans relish comfort, but they seldom seek luxury for the sake of display, as Leonians tend to do. They want to feel that objects that are accumulated are of personal worth and of practical as well as sentimental value.

Whatever their occupation, the Taurean is slow, steady, and reliable in their work. They take pride in the high quality of their products and insist upon using the strongest materials, the finest ingredients, and the most appropriate methods to ensure long life and satisfactory service.

Taureans can be found in any profession but they are most likely to prosper as builders, farmers, merchants, financiers, and dealers in art and real estate. Women often hold jobs related to beautification, and are well suited to be homemakers. Both sexes tend to be physically attractive and are often admired for their pleasing voices.

Taurean city-dwellers need an occasional return to rustic surroundings in order to renew their spirits through communion with the forces of the elements.

On the negative side, Taurean conservatism can deteriorate into stodginess, orthodoxy into inertia, and determination into obstinacy. The low-grade Taurean can be the most unabashedly materialistic of all zodiacal types, bartering their soul for money, sex, and comfort.

Most Taureans have a lesson to learn with regard to their body. Those who have attained physical control are endowed with robust constitutions, magnetic attractiveness, and the power to heal. Theirs is the redemptive work of invigorating living cells with vibrant health, and of illuminating the world of matter by nourishing the light that exists within all forms. Taureans endeavor to construct a heaven on earth through the fullest possible utilization of the resources given for humanity and all creatures to enjoy.

Sun in Gemini

***Keynote*: The power of individuality manifests through knowledge.**
***Symbol*: A youth skips lightheartedly off to school.**

People born with the Sun in Gemini have an innate desire to communicate and to establish lines of connection between similar things. Since the Geminian is clever enough to realize that limitless knowing would lead into a maze of unimaginable - and therefore unmanageable - complexity, they impose order upon the chaos of the palpable world by drawing artificial guidelines. Having reduced the space/time continuum to relative terms, they feel assured that they have caught the whole globe in their net. They can pinpoint their direction of travel and describe it to others in comprehensible terms.

They grasp logical relationships but may lack sensitivity to the climate of feelings that fills the interstices of demonstrable facts. Ultimately, the Geminian must discard their mathematical and grammatical constructs in order to see life whole again, and to realize that when the building is complete, the scaffolding can go.

People born in this companionable sign often engage in pursuits designed to make people more aware of one another and of their environment. Their natural fields are writing, broadcasting, and teaching, although they are often drawn into work involving computers and electronic signaling devices. Not only can they link chains of ideas but they enjoy making contact with mentally stimulating people. They are capable go-betweens because of their interest in practically everything. The word 'interest' derives from the Latin roots ***inter*** and ***esse*** meaning 'to put oneself in the middle,' and this is precisely what the Geminian likes to do.

All aspects of knowledge fascinate the Geminian. They can turn from one diversion to another with the agility of a hummingbird flitting from flower to flower and sipping a drop of nectar from each, without actually alighting anywhere. They want to see, touch, and taste each new wonder and then take flight again. Change and excitement make them feel alive. They hate the thought of being left-out or overlooked and cannot tolerate boredom or the thought of mental stagnation.

Geminian's virtues and vices are all of a piece. If they spread themselves too thin, they risk becoming shallow. They need to beware of stereotyped ways of thinking and of assuming that intellect alone can solve their problems. They are apt to be high-strung, to leave their thoughts hanging in mid-air, and to become nervously depleted by constantly fluttering hither and yon.

The weakest point of this sign is lack of warmth, for despite their vivacity, the typical Geminian is basically unemotional. They can see what makes people think without feeling any real empathy for them. This intellectual detachment may be the price they pay for their grasp of the mechanics of behavior. Having arrived at the logical conclusion the universe has a use for pain, they may forget how bad it feels to be hurt.

The Geminian's attention span is notoriously short. When they tire of one task, they renew themselves by turning elsewhere. They usually keep several projects going simultaneously, jumping from one to another and back again.
Many Geminians do very well working in the media and are also the natural salespeople of the zodiac, doing well in department stores, advertising and as commercial travelers. Their need for change and variety must definitely not be ignored: predictable routine is inimical them. So is solitary work, but at least when they acquire a lonely top job, they will still listen to former colleagues, although this doesn't mean that their advice will be always be accepted… A full and free interchange of ideas, and the batting to and fro of different opinions, is important.
In business, Geminians can be highly shrewd and cunning, and if they apply these characteristics to making money they often do extremely well, although sometimes a faulty decision, perhaps too hastily made, will result in financial setbacks. This is not an overly ambitious sign, but the Gemini imagination will happily enjoy success before it is actually achieved, which acts as an incentive.
Continual change is a way of life for Geminians, as their chief fear in life is being bored, they will continually find new ways of keeping themselves amused. If they don't then their nearest and dearest must, at the slightest sign of twitchiness, do it for them. They don't have time for leisure – every moment is filled with activity, even if that is just writing or conversation.
The thought of retirement shouldn't dismay them, because there are many interests they want to pursue, when they eventually find the time...
Although not necessarily strong, these people are almost certainly wiry and apparently perpetually young, so should not have too much trouble with their health. Any difficulties that do arise may perhaps be for psychological rather than physical reasons – Geminians have vast amounts of nervous energy that must be burned off. They are usually too individual really to enjoy team games, and they can quickly grow bored with the strict routine of formal exercise. The best solution is to join a health club but to use it in combination with other, individual, forms of exercise, such as running, jogging, walking, squash and tennis.
Gemini rules the lungs, and Sun sign Geminians must watch carefully for signs of breathlessness, or when a cold goes to their chests. It is vital that, if possible, they should refrain from smoking, which, while bad for everybody, is particularly lethal for them. They thrive best on a light diet of fresh salads and fruit, fish and white meat.

Sun in Cancer

***Keynote*: The power of individuality manifests protectively.**
***Symbol*: A woman sets a lighted lamp in the window of her home.**
Cancer is the sign of home and food, family loyalty, and gracious hospitality. People born in this sign are usually devoted to their children and households.

Despite their disinclination to strenuous activity, no effort is too great when it involves catering to their offspring.
Although Cancerians are most contented in the domestic sphere, many of them expand their sympathies to include an extended home setting such as a school, hotel, ashram, commune, sanitarium, or institution where people eat, sleep, and live together.
The Cancerian craving for domestic tranquility does not prevent them from exercising a quiet tenacity that often leads to success in business from commercial enterprises. Frequently they are more ambitious than they appear and will work long hours to achieve material protection for themselves and their loved ones.
The Sun/Cancer person has a reputation for being a shrewd bargainer. Behind their persistent efforts to accumulate capital lies the basic urge to establish a home base which will satisfy their need for peace and security.
Since 'the Moon child,' as a Cancerian is sometimes euphemistically termed, is predominately emotional in temperament, they function effectively in areas where feelings can be expressed easily and sympathetically. Consequently, many people of this type are attracted to the entertainment industries and to work with children and young people.
The Sun in the Moon's sign Cancer is the psychological equivalent of a new Moon. It shows a preoccupation with the genesis of life, and is indicative of the urge to accumulate substance and to amass resources. Humanity's beginnings are in the womb, the home, ancestral traditions, the ocean, and the fluid psychic sea of the unconscious.
The Cancerian instinctively craves to understand where it all began. This preoccupation with bygone times can seldom be rationally explained, since the mind generally plans for the future, and feelings tend to dwell upon the past.
The true wealth, of the human heritage must be sensed emotionally, as well as intellectually, if life is to take on a deeper dimension which, to the Cancerian, makes it solid and meaningful.

Sun in Leo

***Keynote*: The power of individuality manifests through creative self-expression.**
***Symbol*: A richly robed king sitting on a throne raises his golden scepter.**
Leo, like the Sun, must shine. As lord of the heavens, the Sun sheds life-giving rays on all who move within its orb of influence. The dominion of the Sun over Leo is so complete that no other planet is in its exaltation or fall in this sign. This undisputed autonomy is reflected in the single-mindedness of many Sun-Leo people who know what they want out of life and purposefully set about to obtain it.

0rganization is essential, for they need control in their life. With the slightest encouragement, their organizational ability will spill over into the disordered lives of others. Their worst fault is in assuming they always know best. They may also be extremely dogmatic, and so must cultivate a flexible mind and respect for others' opinions. The characteristic Leonine warmth, generosity and desire to understand others can then be fully indulged.
A powerfully creative urge is present and must be expressed; otherwise a great deal of potential may be wasted. Leos must live life to the full, and like to see others doing so as well. They have an inner Sun that not only illuminates their own life and activity, but also lights up the lives of others.
Domination of partners is a possibility that cannot be underestimated. Leos are surprisingly sensitive, and can be hurt very easily -– partly because they are often emotionally idealistic. They can also take criticism very much to heart. Exuberant enjoyment and pleasure are gained from sex, but Leos don't like their love to be rough and ready. They almost demand to be wined, dined and then seduced in luxury…

Sun in Virgo

***Keynote*: The power of individuality manifests through selective analysis.**

***Symbol*: Chemists in a laboratory test the purity of various drugs.**

People with the Sun in Virgo have a consuming desire for perfection, especially with regard to their work. This is not an easy placement because the work of nature is still far from perfected and the Earth itself is only slowly evolving toward an ideal state. Therefore the Virgoan is frequently frustrated in their efforts to tidy up their small corner of the universe. Yet they toil without much visible reward and, gradually the results of their labors become evident.
Virgoans accomplish much of the drudgery of the world. They are essentially practical, not because they disbelieve the metaphysical verities, but because they already have more than enough to busy their hearts and their minds. Their philosophy maintains that the kingdom of heaven is won through selfless service, and their efforts are directed toward making life more tolerable for people here on Earth. They believe that cleanliness is next to godliness –- or is the first step in that direction.
The Virgoan mind is acute, discriminating and methodical. With nimble Mercury held down by a concrete earth sign, this person is more of a plodder than a sprinter. Their efficiency may be impaired by a tendency to fret over trifles that other less conscientious souls would dismiss or fail to notice. In consequence they are sometimes accused of 'missing the forest for the trees'. They need to make a special effort to gather up the details they so readily analyze and to re-synthesize them into a comprehensive whole.
Too often the Virgoan belittles what ought to be big. This hypercritical attitude is hardly conducive to romance and may delay marriage – sometimes permanently – while the search continues for the perfect mate. Once the

choice is made and the knot is tied, however, the chastity for which the sign is renowned makes the Virgoan a faithful spouse, who expects the same from their mate.

The meticulousness of this sign finds an appropriate outlet in matters relating to diet, hygiene, and sanitation. Virgoans are often accused of being fussy, but these servers of the race are welcome to be as exacting as they please when their attention is centered on the selection and preparation of food and medicine, or the maintenance of sanitary conditions. They are especially suited to the medical professions since their discriminating minds are directed by a genuine impulse to be of practical assistance to people in need. Many are capable dieticians, nurses, pathologists, pharmacists, and laboratory technicians.

Virgo people are invaluable in business as accountants and secretaries. Other congenial professions are teaching, writing, and research. As editors and proofreaders they are unexcelled. Seldom assertive, they manage in a reserved way to make themselves indispensable to whatever organization they are serving. Their predilection for routine and order may lead to a career in one of the military services. Women of this sign make exemplary housewives, and their willingness and capability are such that they are often called upon to work outside the home.

The Virgoan's vices are their virtues carried to excess. They can be factual to the point of tedium. Attention to minutiae may degenerate into hairsplitting, and their insistence on keeping everything in its proper place can fray the nerves. They are prone to hypochondria but generally lead a long and happy life because they pamper themselves. They regard their body as an instrument to be maintained in the best possible condition, and they expect it to give them faithful service in return.

Virgo rules both work and health. For many members of this sign, the conditions of their employment, and the satisfaction or dissatisfaction they feel in the performance of necessary duties, are intimately connected with their physical and mental well-being. It is, therefore, very important for the Virgoan to find their proper niche in life. If their job is not in some appropriate field, they will be at odds with themselves and will suffer in body and mind. They can maintain a steady routine and work in unassuming ways, like a small jewel in a complicated watch, and should take special care to select an occupation where their critical attention to detail can be put to practical use and their reliability appreciated.

Sun in Libra

***Keynote*: The power of individuality manifests through harmony of form.**
***Symbol*: Skeins of vividly colored silks are woven into a rich brocade.**

The scales, the symbol of this sign, have a deeply symbolic meaning for Sun sign Librans, since the need for balance in their lives is paramount. They need a harmonious background, free of undue pressure and argument, in

order to be happy. They will sometimes even make sacrifices for the sake of peace and quiet, giving in too easily to pressure from others, and when confronted with a problem they will sit on the fence until the problem goes away, rather than commit themselves to one side or the other.

Decision-making, or supporting one side of an argument, often involves taking one person's side against another, and Librans have a deep dislike of hurting other people. Indecision is the worst Libran fault.

Laziness and relaxation are often associated with this sign but that is not entirely fair. While Librans may not enjoy heavy, dirty jobs, they certainly don't lack physical energy, especially if the work has a creative element. They may seem relaxed because they make time to listen to friends' problems and sympathize in sorrow or share joy, but actually they are very active and anything but time-wasters.

The most important sphere of a Libran life is the one-to-one relationship. Librans are not psychologically whole until this has been successfully achieved, and their usual indecision may well take a back seat when it comes to romantic commitment. Sun sign Librans are pure romantics, and will be starry-eyed for months when planning their wedding, without, perhaps, giving sufficient thought to what comes after the ceremony. Librans find it more difficult to cope with loneliness than any other sign of the zodiac. Complete happiness for them means sharing their lives.

Although usually peace-loving, Librans sometimes provoke arguments (even quite serious ones) with their partners to test their affections and reassure themselves that the partnership is really loving. They should be aware of this tendency. Librans can be extremely generous, but should recognize the moment when their motives become not the giving of pleasure but the purchase of affection. The Libran's sense of fair play is so strong that they can become exceedingly indignant if they think that they, or anyone with whom they identify, are being unjustly imposed upon.

Librans are sometimes described as well-balanced people because that is the effect they contrive to create. In actuality the harmony they crave is tantalizingly difficult to maintain. The scales tip first one way and then the other in response to the impact of impinging personalities and surrounding conditions. Since Libra refers to fluctuations in the balance of power, it rules war as well as peace, and enemies as well as partners. Even an antagonist is a kind of partner in conflict. The unstable equilibrium of the scales is also shown by the way so many marriages degenerate into a war between the sexes.

Although Libra is noted for its beautiful people, its equalizing effect often blurs sexual distinctions, producing handsome women and beautiful men. Some members of this sign have difficulty identifying with either sex and remain neuter, showing here as elsewhere the difficulty they have in making up their mind. However, most Librans do marry since they need someone else to provide the incentive to act. Lacking the initiative of the more energetic signs,

they instinctively seek to align themselves with those who can provide the missing stimulation. Apart from marriage, their alliances can take the form of business associations or a patron/protégé, guru/disciple liaison.

Sun in Scorpio

***Keynote*: The power of individuality manifests through regeneration.**
***Symbol*: Lava from an erupting volcano flows hissing into the sea.**

In Scorpio, sign of sex, death, and regeneration, the somber gleam of an unseen Sun kindles the smoldering fires of Mars and Pluto to produce a strong and willful personality. The propensity of Scorpians to bottle up their simmering emotions creates so much inner tension that when prodding from the outside penetrates their wall of reserve, they can erupt with scalding violence. They have a reputation for inscrutability since no one can say what repressed passions are seething within the cauldron of their unconscious minds, but often they are less inscrutable than paradoxical because of the clash of conflicting elements within their nature.

Scorpio's intellect is incisive, their feelings vehement, and their body capable of extraordinary endurance. When the lower type of Scorpian is antagonized, they sulk and brood, waiting in silence for the opportunity to strike. Then they lash out so venemously that the object of their wrath is paralyzed by the sting. By contrast when the evolved Scorpian turns their powers to good, no greater devotion to principle or capacity for sacrifice can be found. They are compassionate without being squeamish and will uncomplainingly take on jobs too tough for others to handle. These higher types can be as forbearing as the lower types are vindictive. The only certainty is that their characters will not be feeble. They make heroes or villains - or both at once.

In Aries, Mars is the warrior who marches boldly to fight upon the battlefield of the world. In Scorpio, he makes the discovery that the real battlefield lies within. The conflict then becomes infinitely more difficult and dangerous. Subtler stratagems are required because the antagonist lurking in the depths of the psyche is tricky, elusive, and difficult to engage in fair combat. It is often necessary to advance through retreat, triumph through surrender, and gain an ultimate victory through the loss of that which has been most cherished.

Metaphysically, Aries represents the birth of man's sense of self. Scorpio represents the purging of selfish or ego-based desires. Scorpio's co-rulers Mars and Pluto bring conflict and destruction, but exalted Uranus promises that the shattering of the enthrallment of the senses will effect a basic transformation. Thus, in Scorpio, the soul descends into an abyss in order to shed the waste matter of its existence in preparation for its ascent to a higher level of self-knowing. In actuality, Scorpio people are invariably subjected to periods of trial and testing. Then, if the Plutonian process of elimination has been successful, they arise Phoenix-like out of the ashes of the past and go on to greater attainments.

Scorpio concerns the inevitability's of existence - sex and death. Since these irrevocable events touch upon the mysteries of life, they are shrouded with secrecy and surrounded with taboos to keep them from being profaned. Repression of the sexual instincts can cause the aberrations of cruelty, jealousy, and pridefulness, all negative traits of the sign. The Christian tradition has not dealt kindly with the sexual instinct, and as a result it has fostered a morbid emphasis on the blood and the suffering of Christ, along with a prurient denial of the value of carnal love.

The necessity to raise and sublimate the libidinal instincts impels many Scorpio people to seek an outlet for their energies in the field of the arts. In their creative enterprises they are apt to be preoccupied with emotional release rather than with the expression of conventional ideas of beauty. Consequently, their painting, poetry, and music may seem more decomposed than composed. A characteristically Scorpionic artist is Pablo Picasso whose zeal for tearing down images into their basic components stems from a compulsion to restructure forms according to an interior vision.

Since Scorpions are adept at handling other people's money, they are frequently found in business and finance, and are noted for their jealous supervision of the family budget. They are well suited to be detectives, inspectors, psychologists, and troubleshooters, being better adapted to the tasks of renovation and restoration of what already exists than to making a fresh start. They are capable of ruthlessly eliminating that which has served its purpose, even at the cost of personal pain.

The real mystery of Scorpio is why, with all their wariness and strength of character, these people are so often caught in the grip of their sexual and aggressive compulsions, unable to avoid being sucked into a maelstrom of duplicity and intrigue. Yet, once they have squarely confronted their problems, they have the courage to find a solution regardless of personal loss and sacrifice. They ***can*** transform themselves, and often do.

Sun in Sagittarius

Keynote: **The power of Individuality manifests through wisdom.**

***Symbol*: An eminent theologian lectures at a university.**

Sagittarians aim high. They envision a series of goals, like the diminishing rings of a target, as they face optimistically toward the future.

Natives of this sign who are metaphysically inclined believe that everything has a deeper meaning and that the main purpose of life is to find that meaning. This expectant attitude, and penchant for new experiences, may account for the fact that Sagittarians are noted for their longevity.

Although Sagittarius is the sign of long journeys, the journeys may be excursions into the realm of philosophy and metaphysics, as well as to foreign countries. Even when these people roam to distant lands, it is the adventure of learning about people and places that lures them on. Whether they travel by horse, motorcycle, car, plane, or via the pages of a book, they

like to believe themselves a free soul who can employ a variety of conveyances, physical and mental, to extend the scope of their consciousness.
The poetess Emily Dickinson never journeyed far from her birthplace, yet with her Sun, Mercury, and Venus in Sagittarius she was inspired to write such words as these:
He ate and drank the precious words, His spirit grew robust;
He knew no more that he was poor, Nor that his frame was dust.
He danced along dingy days, And this bequest of wings
Was but a book.
What liberty A loosened spirit brings.
People born in Sagittarius often reap their greatest satisfactions in mature years. Their sagacity brings its rewards as the years pass and knowledge mellows into wisdom.
The true Sagittarian vocation is to guide and instruct. Since they have abundant faith in themselves they inspire the confidence of others.
There may be a genius for getting down to fundamentals and for formulating ideas in terms of broad underlying principles. They may have a gift for clear-seeing and also sometimes for prophecy.
With their strongly developed moral sense they can be quite intolerant of wrong doers, even while comprehending the reasons for misbehavior. They are careful to point out basic issues, feeling that, to define a problem correctly is to take the most necessary step toward its solution. While not naturally war-like they will fight for what they hold to be right, even though they would rather strive to establish their vision of a better world by uplifting peoples minds.
Challenge is important in a fulfilling Sagittarian life. When one achievement is accomplished, Sagittarius soon begins work on the next. The compulsion to set new targets and meet them is so strong that it can become all-engrossing, with present activities being skimped because the eye is always on future plans. Sagittarian enthusiasm, optimism and zest for life are second to none but must be controlled. The worst fault, restlessness, can be problematic, for Sagittarians don’t always see projects through to the end.
Natural excitement and enthusiasm can feed the innate Sagittarian tendency to take risks, which can become real foolhardiness, especially when young. Developing their inherent intellectual powers will enable them to avoid unnecessary risks. They should also cultivate a more philosophical outlook. If the natural exuberance isn’t controlled it may become boisterous.
One of the dual signs of the zodiac, Sagittarius gives versatility which may contribute to the Sagittarian tendency to move too quickly from one task to another, or to be involved in too many things at once. Greater satisfaction will come from steadily working through one project towards the next, which, they can ensure is as different as possible.
This sign confers great breadth of vision and the ability to assimilate quickly what may be a complex situation. However, these people are not usually

good at coping with detail, which bores them. In ignoring the minutiae, they can run into difficulties, so should always read the small print.
No true Sagittarian can cope with claustrophobic conditions, particularly within personal relationships. A possessive, suspicious or jealous partner will not last long: their independent spirit won't tolerate any restrictions on personal freedom.
Sex is greeted with customary Sagittarian enthusiasm and exuberance; when they are very young, a possible partner's sexual attractions can be irresistible. With experience they will look for other qualities: someone whose intelligence at least matches their own, and with whom they can be a friend as well as lover.

Sun in Capricorn

***Keynote*: The power of individuality manifests through organizational ability.**
***Symbol*: A mountain climber plants a flag upon a rocky summit.**
Capricorn represents the triumph of Saturn's discipline of thrift, industry, and perseverance. Time, that mysterious potency which Pythagoras called "the soul of the universe' is converted into material accomplishment through the orderly process of evolution. Natives of this sign rarely scramble up the ladder of success. Instead, they deliberately and painstakingly shape the conditions that make success inevitable.
Capricornians often get off to a slow start in life but gain momentum as they mature. These children of Saturn may be shy and delicate in their early years, but they toughen with age and are most vigorous in later life. They seldom grow fat or lazy and never cease to work if they can help it. Ingrained habits of prudence and self-discipline serve them well when at last they retire and enjoy the fruits of their labors.
Capricornians can wait for what they want because they become so engrossed in carrying out their duties that time passes quickly. Under adversity, when other types fall to pieces, Capricornians fall back on organized work habits, thereby weathering the crises.
In return for diligent application to their tasks, Capricornian people reap the reward of knowing how to enjoy the pleasures of the senses. Men of this sign will carry on love affairs in old age, even when they have denied themselves in their youth. Although cool and calculating in many respects, they have a reputation for being the most highly sexed members of the zodiac. Some are justifiably called 'old goats'.
Capricornians are astute in business. They are natural organizers who may be exacting in their requirements, but who are usually respected for their rectitude. Although quick to seize an advantage, they are seldom dishonest. Their authoritarian ways may drive others to violence, rebellion, or neurosis but usually they themselves feel justified in what they are doing.

Capricornian abuses arise from blindly adhering to the status quo and rigorously upholding conventions that have outlived their usefulness. These people feel that the greatest good is that which maintains the integrity of the social order, and if refractory elements do not conform to the mold, so much the worse for them.

Sun in Aquarius

***Keynote*: The power of individuality manifests through inventiveness.**
***Symbol*: A plane loaded with passengers rises gracefully into the sky.**

People born with the Sun in Aquarius are charged with a subtle electricity which works quietly but effectively to make them more dynamic than they seem. Theirs is a power as paradoxical as that of a heavy metal plane which uses the air to overcome the pull of gravity. The Aquarian who lives up to their inner potential can transcend ordinary limitations by invoking nature's higher laws, and they see nothing mysterious about so doing. Therefore, the sign is associated with both Saturn (law) and Uranus (breakthroughs).

Since Aquarius stimulates the mind, as its opposite sign Leo arouses the emotions, the native of this sign is governed by their head rather than their heart. Their love nature is more altruistic than egotistic and they prefer to express it in an impersonal manner. This coolness may seem enigmatic to the sentimentalist for whom love is a warm, spontaneous feeling rather than a mighty cosmic energy which can be tapped and utilized as scientifically as the physical energies of heat and light.

At first, it seems a contradiction that Aquarius should be both a fixed and airy sign, for air must move and circulate. However, by broadening one's perspective, it becomes apparent that the only really fixed mass of air is that which envelopes the Earth, remaining with the planet while it circles the Sun, and serving as an insulator and as a medium for the transmission of light. Analogously, the Aquarian temperament is programmed to regard things from many points of view and to think on a global scale rather than in terms of the needs and desires of their own chauvinistic group. Abstract principles rather than outward appearances are sensed to be the enduring realities of life.

If many Aquarians seem aloof and detached, it is not because they are indifferent to others. Often they are too deeply concerned with the plight of humanity as a whole to expend themselves catering to the foibles of individuals. To the Aquarian, time is energy, and they are choosy about the people with whom they spend their precious gift. Since they are relatively unegotistical, they may not bother to exert themselves to win approval. They would rather tend to their job and let others curry compliments.

Despite their underlying impersonality, the Aquarian is human in the most literal sense of the word. When one says, "Oh, be human," they are appealing to an individual's higher nature. To be a humanitarian means to show compassionate concern, not only for family and friends, but also for all mankind. Man is called ***Homo sapiens**,* the creature that thinks, and it is the

rational faculty that Aquarius glorifies, believing that intellect is the most purely human part of any person. Because man transforms himself and his world through the application of his mental abilities, the Uranian sign of transformation is associated with the higher mind.

Aquarians seldom fall very low or engage in criminal acts, but often their energies are short-circuited and they fail to fulfill the promise of what they might become. If they have not evolved to the point of being able to express universal love in the impersonal manner of dedication to a cause, they may remain uncommitted to anything. Then they become drifters because, like the air, they must move and circulate. If their unusual ideas cannot find a responsive audience, Aquarians may simply slide into a superficial existence.

Sometimes so much of their energy goes into cogitation that little remains for tangible achievements. Aquarians can rationalize their lack of accomplishment by declaring that the game is not worth the effort and that the world is unprepared to be awakened. Their outlook may be too panoramic to make the everyday struggle to eat, reproduce, and survive seem worthwhile. Then, if an Aquarian is unable to arise to the challenge of Uranus, they fall back into Saturnian pessimism and inertia. Some modern day “dropouts” seem to be tuning in on the vibrations of the Aquarian Age in this negative fashion.

The Sun is in detriment in Aquarius. Symbolically, this shows that the desires of the individual personality must now be subordinated to the requirements of society as a whole. The scientifically enlightened Aquarian realizes that there are many suns in the heavens and that, of these, Earth’s Sun is but a minor star. This broad view makes them a cooperative member of a group or association. Since they do not seek power for themselves alone, people instinctively trust them and elevate them to a position of authority.

As the most liberty-loving members of the zodiac, Aquarians can relinquish their petty egotism because they realize that it is man’s self-centeredness that makes him a slave of unworthy impulses and an enslaver of others. The lesson this sign teaches is that the more charitable people behave, the greater are their chances of enjoying the benefits of freedom. Consequently, Aquarians are simultaneously the most individualistic and the most group oriented of all the zodiacal types. If, however, the individuality is carried to excess, it becomes mere eccentricity.

Aquarians instinctively realize that true liberty grows out of freedom of thought. Yet Saturn’s practicality, carried over from Capricorn, reminds them that the goals they seek must be won through the betterment of material conditions. Therefore they often devote their talents to the task of making this earth a more comfortable place in which to live. They are concerned with abstract reasoning mainly because their experience has demonstrated that ideas are the most potent forces at work in the world today.

The Aquarian need for independence can’t be underestimated, and it is essential that Aquarians develop and sustain the right lifestyle. Although they

have the reputation of being particularly friendly, in many ways they are very private and dislike having their privacy invaded. Their natural friendliness is linked to a genuine desire to be helpful, so anyone in trouble will always find you ready to help, approaching others' problems as they approach their own –- logically, detached and without undue emotion.
Aquarians have an original, idealistic streak and the more positively this is shown, the more fulfilled they will be. However, this originality must not become too idiosyncratic or perverse, as others can then be embarrassed or worse; seriously annoyed. Aquarius is an air sign, and its inhabitants need air, both physically and metaphorically. They must realize how very stubborn they can be and should try to counter the tendency. When young, they can be radical in thought, but may continue to cling to youthful opinions, so that what was once splendidly progressive becomes ultra-conservative.
Positive and optimistic even when life gets difficult, Aquarians rarely lose hope, and their natural humanity always reminds them that many others are less fortunate (in every sense) than themselves. Their chief fault may be unpredictability, but their independence can also make them very remote, causing emotional problems. Partners and friends may be justified in suspecting that sometimes Aquarians act out of sheer perversity.
Of all the Sun signs, Aquarians can find it most difficult to settle into and sustain a close emotional relationship. The powerful need for independence can make it hard for them to let others into their lives, since they realize this will mean modifying their life-styles and tolerating an invasion of their living space – psychological as well as physical. They often decline to enter into a relationship until they are so set in their ways that it seems all but impossible, so remain permanently single. Even so, there is a strongly romantic streak in many Aquarians, who like the glamour of romance, and once committed tend to be very loyal.

Sun in Pisces

Keynote: **The power of individuality manifests through transcendence.**
Symbol: **A chameleon hides among a mass of flowers.**
Pisces is the sign of make-believe, but frequently its world of the imagination reflects the essence of things more meaningfully than the mundane situations which constitute the solid substance of everyday living. People strongly influenced by this sign love the theater and appreciate the saying, 'All the world's a stage'. Their sense of the dramatic gives them a yen to take on constantly changing roles and to adopt a succession of disguises - sometimes even to the point of forgetting their true nature.
Pisceans excel in music, dancing, poetry, cinematography, and the arts in general, although many of them also do well in businesses in which they can remain in the background pulling the strings which induce others to perform. Since Pisceans can be unambitious and easily influenced, they may be

shunted into uncongenial lines of endeavor. However, if they can express their esthetic proclivities, they thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to shine.
Talented, temperamental Pisceans make entertaining companions, for they have a knack for creating an aura of glamour in the plainest of settings. As children they like to play ‘dressup’, and thoughout their lives most of them would rather wear costumes than ordinary clothes, and fancy themselves to be lords and ladies in disguise.
The natives of watery Pisces can be as variable as the sea. Emotionally, many of them dwell in a shifting realm of miraculous metamorphosis, teary mists, rainbows, reflections, froth, foam bubbles, and rosy clouds at sunset lit by the incandescent rays of a fading Sun. This can also be a sea of turbulent waves, tricky currents, and treacherous undertows, or even of death and dissolution. Like the ocean, Pisces is less gentle than it seems. However, most natives of this sign are quiet folk who love that which is elusive and evanescent.
Pisceans are sensitive and sympathetic. Often they are profoundly religious, but in a mystical rather than an orthodox way. They minister to humans, animals, and flowers with compassionate concern. The broad spectrum of their interests also include the supernatural, and one of their paramount traits is a love of the mysterious. Pisceans are frequently found in spiritualistic groups and may be more mediumistic than they themselves realize. They are prone to act on hunches and to seek inner guidance. They sense that there are other spheres of being, or at least that this one has unrealized dimensions. Consequently, they can be distracted by an awareness of subliminal sounds and sensations, and may need to learn to concentrate on matters of practical concern.
The main problem associated with the Piscean temperament is that of finding a direction in life. Too often these people will drift with the current with no guarantee that this current will take them to any worthwhile destination. The resulting uncertainty leaves them feeling vulnerable and anxious. Then they turn to drugs and alcohol, or to anything grandiose, vague, and unsound that dissolves their sense of estrangement. Pisceans should beware of artificial stimulants which can quickly set them awash with self-pitying sentimentality. Their bodies can seldom afford the price of entry into a spurious paradise, and any physical imbalance quickly affects their minds.
While they need to keep their schedules fluid and to feel that they are immersed in something greater than themselves, they must realize that there can be constructive as well as destructive forms of escape. Some Pisceans find solace in art, movies, and the world of theater; others in religion and philanthropy.
Pisceans may be temporarily confused or bemused, deluded or disillusioned, yet they still aspire to convert the casements of their consciousness into wide picture windows. When members of this sign succeed in a material way, their rise to fame may be spectacular, as in the case of many movie stars including

Elizabeth Taylor. However, the majority of Pisceans find their deepest satisfactions in unassuming activities away from prying eyes.
The highest types of Pisceans are seekers of spiritual illumination. This is sometimes called 'the sign of bondage'. However it is also a sign which promises freedom, because a person must become aware that they are bound before they can make the effort to be free. Since Pisces marks the close of the cycle which began so energetically in Aries, many natives of this sign consciously endeavor to find the way out of the maze of earthly existence. According to esoteric tradition, Pisces symbolizes the redemption of matter and the release of the imprisoned soul into a higher state of being.
Even when the Piscean fails in their efforts to shed the illusions which bind them to a world of suffering and pain, they never quite forget their dreams of a kingdom that is not of this world. They feel themselves to be the eternal pilgrim whose mission is expressed in the words of the ancient invocation:

May I be led
From darkness to light.
From the unreal to the real,
From death to immortality.

THE MOON through the Signs

Moon in Aries

Keynote: **Emotional responses are energetically expressed.**
Symbol: **Water heated in a kettle boils vigorously.**
A person whose Moon is in Aries is like an explorer navigating dangerous rapids in a small canoe. They must keep moving in order to maintain equilibrium, but the effort may require so much attention that they hardly notice where they are headed. They are a vibrantly emotional, instinctive, and restless individual who is easily converted to new enthusiasms.
Overtly, they may conform to convention but subconsciously they long to be a leader and to strike out on their own, even if it means paddling a flimsy vessel through dangerous waters without assistance.
It is hard for 'lunarians' to remain calm, for everything stimulates them. Nervousness and excitability are the price they pay for accomplishment. Yet with the passive Moon in this vigorous Mars-ruled sign, they can generate power through a dynamic linking of opposite polarities.
The sharp contrast between the Moon and Mars indicates the special abilities that derive from a keenly honed temperament, but it also causes a certain edginess. The capacity for working up a head of creative steam is often accompanied by a low boiling point, so that the energy engendered may be dissipated through fussing over trifles.

People having the Moon in Aries can project their desires with sufficient force to impress others, regardless of the rights or wrongs involved. As a result, they often get their way and then regret it when they find themselves speeding off the track.
The subject is a fast reactor who thrives in a heady atmosphere where quick decisions are required. For them, to feel is to act, and they waste little time weighing alternatives.
Moon/Aries people are often impelled by a crusading zeal, but they need to learn to persist at one thing long enough to achieve concrete results. Otherwise, the fitful Moon and impetuous Mars expend emotional energy as inconclusively as the tides surging back and forth each day.
They should cultivate equanimity and pause to contemplate the implications of their acts, lest enthusiasm turn to rashness and idealism to fanaticism. With care and consideration they can channel their high spirits into real spiritual power.

Moon in Taurus

***Keynote*: An abundance of materials suggests constructive activities.**
***Symbol*: A host surveying food-laden shelves plans a party.**
Moon sign Taureans need a secure background to life, both materially and emotionally, and those with this placing will respond very quickly and defensively when their background is threatened.
Even if they are not particularly concerned with building up a good bank balance, or rely too heavily on their partner for support, the instinct will be to spring into action when in difficulties, and to do everything in their power to ensure that their world is kept intact.
The conservatism and conventionality of Taurus may well clash with other areas of the chart. Self-absorption will definitely be seen, and an independent, freedom-loving person can suddenly make a complete about-face.
The emergence of possessiveness, the worst Taurean fault, may need countering, but can be hard to do. Practicality will be considerable, and a common sense approach to life will be a great asset, especially if a certain adventurousness is indicated by other planetary positions.
The stubbornness common to this sign will be present, but again this may only be an immediate reaction, with flexibility present on other levels. If there is a preponderance of fixed signs, bloody-mindedness and getting in a rut can become on-going problems.
A person with the Moon in Taurus generally has a faculty for being both resourceful and well equipped. This is a fortunate position since the Moon, which rules the realm of responses, can make use of the substance supplied by this sign of material plenitude.
Just as the power of the Sun is reinforced by the outgoing energy of Mars, the absorbing capacity of the Moon is supplemented by the ingathering

magnetism of Venus. Consequently, the Sun is exalted in Mars-ruled Aries, and the Moon is exalted in Venus-ruled Taurus.
The initial stages of the growth of a plant are marked out by both an outward thrust and an upward drive. First, the seed sends out a shoot which thrusts upward toward the light. Second it's roots sink down into the damp soil in order to draw in and assimilate the necessary nutritive elements. These complimentary functions can be listed as follows:

ARIES	TAURUS
Mars	**Venus**
Sun	**Moon**
Positive	**Negative**
Outgoing	**Ingathering**
Action	**Reaction**
Expression	**Impression**
Spirit	**Matter**
Male	**Female**

In Taurus, the inconstancy of the ever-changing Moon is made reliable. The emotional sensitivity of the lunar temperament is steadied by the earthly sensibility of this pragmatic sign.
The female of the species is reputed to be capricious, yet women everywhere are unwavering in their desire for domestic tranquility. In general, the negative or feminine signs serve as conserving forces in the economy of the zodiac.
The restraint that the slow rhythm of Taurus imposes upon the Moon's fluctuations can be a steadying influence, just as a certain degree of reticence is becoming to a woman.
Lunar Taureans tend to be attached to their families and are often preoccupied with their ancestral homes and traditions. They have an instinct for business that enables them to amass money and to invest it sensibly. Even when not personally wealthy, they are often assisted by well to do supporters.
Funds are plowed into worthy enterprises that grow, bear fruit, and propagate. These individuals can sense what the public wants and is willing to purchase. They prosper in work connected to food, such as restaurants, grocery stores, and farming. They also take an interest in real estate and like to deal with tangible assets such as land and houses.
People with the Moon in Taurus are often attracted to occupations involving the use of the voice, such as singing, public speaking and broadcasting. A pleasing appearance and an agreeable manner contribute to their success. Their memories are retentive and once something impresses them it is seldom forgotten.
A need to surround the self with beautiful, comfortable objects may be apparent. Wherever Taurus dominates the scene however, difficulties can

arise because of an undue fondness for the good things in life. Overindulgence in food and drink may lead to a weight problem.
Since the Moon is related to the health, it is necessary to realize that - especially when under stress – one is likely to indulge in chocolate bars and other comfort food. The throat, too, is rather vulnerable and may easily react to stress or general infection.
Lunar Taureans sometimes hesitate to launch new ventures. The Moon needs to be stimulated by outside forces since it has no initiating power of its own. The prudent Taurean seldom welcomes new ideas, although they enjoy the old ones dressed up and presented as the latest thing. Often they will persist in a course of action merely to avoid upsetting the status quo.
Taurus is one of the four zodiacal 'power signs', but much of its potency depends on sheer physical bulk. The charging bull once roused to action is not easily swerved from its course. Similarly, Taurus makes up in momentum what it lacks in maneuverability.
The prototype of the undeveloped lunar Taurean is the stolid peasant who cannot see why it should not be possible for them to have more of the things they want without the mental discomfort of having to make radical changes in their ingrained habits.
The Moon represents the pull of the past, which in Taurus can harden into stubborn prejudice. However, the higher types of Taureans are deeply sympathetic and are ready to give practical help to all who are in need. They do not offer lip service to their ideals but faithfully nourish, sustain, and maintain the verities they hold dear.

Moon in Gemini

Keynote*: Quick responses to ideas stimulate varied activities.*
***Symbol*: A child darts delightedly back and forth in a hall of mirrors.**
Moon/Gemini people can fluctuate as readily as the mercury in a thermometer. They respond to every change in emotional climate, yet for all the momentary excitement, they may be only fleetingly affected by the sensations that impel them to and fro. They pick up impressions as casually as quicksilver gathers particles of dust, and then as casually shake themselves free again.
The planet Mercury rules Gemini, and mercury is the substance which is used to coat the back of mirrors to give them a reflective surface. In like manner, Mercurial people are quick to reflect a variety of viewpoints without committing themselves to one in particular.
They are a natural mimic who can easily adapt to changing circumstances. Theirs is a kaleidoscopic world of shifting patterns of relationships.
The Moon in Gemini gives a keenly developed imagination and a ready wit. They may be a jack-of-all-trades, but are particularly adapted to be a writer, since they have an instinctive feeling for language and grammar.

They are seldom at a loss for words. The danger is that they may tell people what they want to hear rather than utter the unpalatable truth.
People with this restless combination are often on the move both physically and mentally. Most have a variety of avocations, but if discipline is lacking, their inability to concentrate causes them to dissipate time and energy in gossip.
Sometimes they display the cheerfulness and vivacity that comes from refusing to worry about problems. At other times, they may exhibit the same carefree traits simply because they are unwilling to admit that real problems exist.
The lunar Geminian has a wonderful talent for making life interesting for themselves and their companions. They need to cultivate fixity of purpose in order to focus their diverse abilities on some worthwhile goal, for they can respond as sensitively to the profundities as they do to the trivia of life.
A very quick verbal response to situations is characteristic of one who has the Moon in Gemini. They will, especially when young, often express themselves in such a flurry of words that they sometimes tumble out in an incoherent muddle.
The versatility of Gemini is present, and will be seen particularly when they are confronted with several tasks. Rather than consciously deciding on a particular order of preference or importance, the tendency will be to start all of them at the same time.
Our emotional responses are powerfully influenced by the Moon, so there can be conflict, when a contrary instinct to rationalize argues with emotion and intuition. They must come to terms with the fact that intuition and objective rationalism must merge and flow positively.
The Geminian tendency of not entirely trusting the emotions will be apparent and, because we are dealing with the Moon, the traits will not be far from the surface when they are challenged.
The natural instinct to speak up will be very strong. Indeed, this is one of the planetary placings that indicates an avid talker.
A certain impatience and restlessness will also be obvious. While they may well be aware of this and do much to counter it, nevertheless it is to their advantage to realize that their resources of nervous energy are very high and must not be allowed to stagnate.
In theory, there should be the ability to get the best of both worlds, with the Gemini Moon adding a natural quickness of response and the heavier traits contributing stability and patience.
Sometimes nervous strain and pressure can lead to periods of tension, and digestive problems may be one of the results. In certain cases, because of the Gemini connection with the lungs, asthma (again as a result of tension or worry) may be a problem. or worry) may be a problem.

Moon in Cancer

***Keynote*: Feelings are attuned to the requirements of a situation.**
***Symbol*: A mother nurses her baby.**

The well-known natural defensive system, which is such a prominent characteristic of those with a Cancerian Sun sign, will be equally - if not more powerfully - present. Defensiveness will be the immediate reaction, not only when the subject is challenged but also in less threatening situations.

The emotional and intuitive levels are second to none, and those with this placing should learn to trust and rely on them - their instincts will not let you down.

In addition to a powerful intuition, there is plenty of imagination that if triggered in a negative way can be expressed through worry. When worried, they will tend to think that the very worst has happened. They may not necessarily have a depressive outlook, but apprehension over loved ones can cause these powerful responses to build up out of control.

The past is a frequent subject for reflection and nostalgia, and the childhood background may be allowed to dominate the outlook on life. Coming to terms with the attitude and treatment received from parents, whether that was beneficial or difficult, may take longer than for other Moon sign placings.

The Cancerian tendency to hoard is another strong instinct for someone with this placing. As a result, clearing out the resulting clutter can be a chore that is avoided at all costs, perhaps because hoarding such items adds to their much-needed sense of security.

There may be quick changes of mood, which can frequently be disconcerting for loved ones to witness. Women with this placing may suffer in an above average way from premenstrual tension, but should try hard not to let it dominate their lives.

In Cancer the Moon, which rules the sea, is in its own watery element and therefore very powerful in a passive way. A preoccupation with the maternal parent can indicate a desire to be nurtured and sustained by a solicitous protector, and can even give rise to the ‘world owes me a living’ syndrome of the oral personality.

At a more mature level, the same mothering impulse inspires practical assistance based on the sympathetic urge to feed and care for all who are in need.

The responsive Moon in the sign of sentiment imparts a fluid receptivity to environmental conditions. The mold into which they have been cast in early years often stamps lunar people for life, giving a tendency to dwell upon the joys and the sorrows of the past and to brood over old injustices and disappointments.

Moon-children are profoundly aware of the hidden currents that swirl below the surface of events and need to beware lest they become caught in undertows of emotion that sweep them beyond their depths.

These hypersensitive individuals are impressionable even to the point of being unconscious mediums. The Moon is nearly always prominent in the

charts of psychically inclined people, especially of those whose responsiveness to the lowest as well as the highest vibrations subjects them to the most ‘lunatic’ forms of madness and the most etherealized expressions of mysticism.

They may swing between extremes of voluptuousness and asceticism, or combine both at once with no sense of incongruity. They can be flagrantly histrionic in their ability to be moved by the role they are playing, fleeting though the mood may be. Like hollow reeds, they resonate to whatever melody is piped through them.

Therefore, they must exercise discrimination in selecting the music to which they attune their lives.

Moon/Cancer people may be peculiarly self-abnegating and resigned to the vagaries of fate. In extreme cases, they deliberately court martyrdom. This willingness to immolate themselves for a cause often thrusts them into the spotlight, even though their hypersensitive nature makes them ill-fitted to stand the glare of critical attention notoriety is bound to incur.

While insisting that all they crave is peace and solitude, they can behave in a manner calculated to bring them into the public eye, as though driven by some contradictory compulsions to forgo the protection afforded by the domestic sphere.

The weaknesses and strengths of lunar Cancerians depend upon their capacity for relinquishment. They may be merely inept and inert, or they may follow the line of least resistance in order to conserve their energies for more important work.

At their worst, they are too timid to take action. At best, they possess an abiding conviction of being a beloved child of Mother Nature and, therefore, feel they have nothing to fear.

Evolved lunar types can endure whatever comes to pass because they submit to the cyclic ebb and flow of events and know that as part of this ceaseless life-process, they will eternally be reborn. Like waves of the sea, they may be dashed on every rock and shoal, yet eventually the fluid sea wears away the solid rocks.

The philosophy of conquest through surrender - characteristic of Cancer in all its phases - is expressed in the following quotation from the ancient Chinese poet Lao-tzu:

Nothing is weaker then water
But when it attracts something hard
Or resistance, then nothing withstands it,
And nothing will alter its way.
Everyone knows this, that weakness prevails
Over strength and that gentleness conquers
The adamant hindrance of men, but
Nobody demonstrates how it is so.

From a physical point-of-view, the digestive system may become upset by worry, and it is frequently the case that those with this placing have very sensitive skins, whatever their ethnic coloring.
Protection from the sun, and additional care over cuts, insect bites and so on, is advised.

Moon in Leo

***Keynote*: A fullness of sentiment is expressed lightheartedly.**
***Symbol*: An actress smiles radiantly at an audience.**

The person with the Moon in Leo has a subconscious desire to shine. They enjoy children, romance, gaiety, parties, games and celebrations, and do their best to see that everyone has a fine time. A wide-scale social awareness may lead them into politics and public service. Their jaunty air of self-assurance combined with a sympathetic expression of interest in others, wins them a vote of confidence from the majority of their electorate.
Many lunar Leonians have a flair for showmanship. If not actually in the entertainment business, they at least know how to be entertaining and can charm all who come within their magnetic aura.
Their weakness is extavagance, especially in the realm of emotions. The heat of the Sun acting on the watery Moon can cloud the mind with a foggy fanatacism impervious to the light of reason, or it can generate the gentle warmth and moisture required for growth.
Feelings are easily stimulated, and some form of creative expression is needed to let off steam.
The Moon in Leo gives a desire for recognition regardless of what has been done to merit the admiration sought. The urge to achieve a brilliant effect can bring out the characteristic weakness of this sign for gambling and speculation.
A lunar Leonian is frequently stirred by the inner conviction that they are destiny's darling, even though the world may not have awakened to this fact. As a result they may be an intolerable egotist, or they may lead a life of inspired achievement.
Since the deepest recesses of the personality are illuminated by the Sun shining directly on the Moon, this combination has a way of bringing subliminal characteristics, good or bad into the light of day. Such people often reach a point in their lives when they are obliged to confront the shadow – that unregenerate portion of consciousness which occultists call "the dweller on the threshold" – and to integrate the shadow side of their nature into their total individuality.
They are at their best when they can bring to full flower a hitherto half-hidden talent or when they can give positive, creative expression to some formerly repressed desire in themselves.
By the same token, self-realized Moon/Leo types frequently feel that they have a mission to uplift and illumine the repressed portions of humanity and

will struggle for the rights of exploited peoples with all the courage for which the lion is renowned.
They are determined to overcome their own imperfections as a necessary step toward overcoming the imperfections of the world, and will involve themselves in this redemptive work in an intensely personal way.
The immediate instinct of those with the Moon in Leo is to take over. While there is an active and happy enthusiasm, and a need to express emotions in a positive way, it is all too easy for people with this placing to appear bossy, dogmatic and stubborn.
But at best they can be an excellent source of inspiration to others, with the ability to get the most out of them.
The belief that they can do anything as well or better than anyone else is a mixed blessing. While they will inevitably find plenty of outlets for all their potential (indicated by the characteristics of the Sun sign) and will achieve their aspirations (indicated by the Midheaven), they can tend to over do it and become somewhat overwhelming.
If shyness or a lack of self-assurance is shown in other areas of the chart, there will be a conflict which can result in the subject covering up the inhibited areas by showing off, perhaps even feigning extroversion and confidence in a way that can be embarrassing for loved ones.
There is a special need to make the right impression, especially when still young, and as a result a great many with this position will learn the hard way. In spite of this, there is determination and a sense of immediacy which is much in their favor.
They will cope extremely well in any emergency that arises, for the powers of leadership and organizational ability attributed to the Sun sign Leo are always present and will be called upon and expressed at just a moment’s notice.
The emotional forces are strong and the intuition and imagination powerful. These can be expressed creatively through any art form sympathetic to the Sun sign.
The tendency to show off, at any age, must be countered by other less extrovert indications in the chart. This placing is very often found in the charts of achievers, especially when the Moon is near the Midheaven or situated in the tenth house.

Moon in Virgo

***Keynote*: An instinct for order is methodically exercised.**
***Symbol*: A woman tidies up her home.**
Earthy Virgo steadies the Moon's changeable disposition. The Moon, in turn, softens Virgo's brittleness, like water moistening clay, to make it more pliable. Consequently, people with this combination can shape and create the conditions under which useful work can proceed.
These are the conscientious housewives and faithful providers who sedulously strive to do their jobs properly. Since Virgo is the eternal reformer,

they can be exacting managers, especially in regard to domestic duties. They cherish few illusions about their family and friends and can generally indicate ways in which anybody or anything might be improved. Head rules heart and the mind keeps a tight rein over the desire nature. Sometimes this aspect produces the hyperfastidious housekeeper or supervisor who will sacrifice the comfort of others for the sake of maintaining a meticulously run home or office. He or she will compile detailed lists, schedule each day down to its last minute, and then become agitated when people fail to conform to plan.

The Moon in Virgo indicates a steady and often ingenious employee. It gives a talent for gardening, cultivating orchards, taking care of small animals, and making household repairs. Such people relish the task of implementing nature's work and refining her products, whether through sophisticated chemical analysis or the homely art of cooking. Usefulness is their watchword, and if they discern anything to be "use-less" they are apt to discard or overlook it. This accounts, in part, for the high incidence of atheism, agnosticism, or skepticism found among both solar and lunar Virgoans.

Ordinarily, the Moon in Virgo is too modest to promote fame; unless the willingness to allow others to take credit is offset by other aspects. Most of the time the necessity to do the job properly takes priority over the effort to win personal popularity. Even though their work is often essential, these retiring individuals may seem to merge into the larger group or corporation in which they may function. They are often instrumental in preventing trouble. They may for example, be survey analysts, or public health inspectors - always ready to spot danger signals and foretell catasrophe. Despite their reticence, success is often achieved because they take the precautions to avoid blunders.

This discerning placement gives the ability to sort and classify information. Knowledge if valued, not so much for its own sake but because it can bring about a higher standard of living. There is an intense interest in diet and health because the physical body is such a personal and tangible presence that anything which improves the way it functions is deemed undeniably beneficial.

Lunar Virgoans are often characterized by an impersonal kind of chastity which reflects a mental attitude more than a physical actuality. They dislike public displays of affection and even in intimate relationships maintain an inviolable core of reserve.

Many spinsters and confirmed bachelors have this combination. Often it is just as well for them to sidestep marriage since they can be nagging mates. Even men with this position can be old-maidish in their insistence that everything be arranged to suit their fancy. Yet, by the same token, they make excellent doctors and nurses, exemplary teachers, and efficient secretaries or assistants.

People with the Moon in Virgo should endeavor to broaden their minds to accommodate new and progressive ideas, for they have a tendency to submit to a tyranny of trifles and to slip into a rut of comfortable conformity. They are generally well advised to cultivate the art of relaxation and to enjoy life without feeling obliged to account for every moment spent, remembering that tolerance and serenity will do more for their health than any diet, tonic, or medicine. By foregoing the temptation to analyze each situation down to its bare bones, they can save themselves a lot of unnecessary worrying and others a lot of unwanted, therefore unheeded, criticism.

Moon in Libra

***Keynote*: The desire for acceptance motivates socially approved behavior.**

***Symbol*: Diplomats converse amiably at an embassy ball.**

People with the Moon in Libra are usually charming. The merging of the energies of this deferential sign with the lunar conglomerate of instincts and responses indicates a deep desire to be accepted by one's peers. It imparts the aplomb to win the goodwill of "the right people" through self-effacing courtesy, consideration, and composure.

Sometimes the tendency to weigh alternatives degenerates into the vacillating inconstancy of one who will do anything to avoid giving offense. However, those who remain loyal to the Libran ideals of truth and justice can generally devise ways to further the causes in which they believe through pacifistic means.

This combination is inclined toward professions requiring tact and diplomacy such as politics, public relations, motivation research, and advertising. The lunar Libran can assess the subtle factors which move people to action and then arrive at a balanced judgment which provides a reasonable basis for decision making.

They are happier when not obliged to exercise personal initiative, preferring to rely upon the words of established authorities or on incontrovertible statistics. Despite a natural ability to serve as a fair-minded intermediary, this individual likes to feel that they have an organization behind them to support their position.

The Moon in Libra gives a detached attitude that can contrast and compare different points of view without feeling personally committed to one side or the other. There is an ability to talk around a question and to examine varying perspectives. Sometimes this impartiality can be soothing, while at other times it becomes aggravatingly ambivalent.

The realization that most people are moved by circumstances beyond their control, while conducive to tolerance, may lead to evasiveness when it comes to taking a positive stand on moral issues. Many Librans are fence sitters, waiting for the shifting wind of a consensus of opinion to veer them in one direction or another.

Their artistic propensities attract them to fields involving the beautification of homes, stores, and public places. With their refined taste and love of elegance, they cannot bear to be associated with anything sordid, ugly, or mean.
They suffer mental anguish when forced to work at drab tasks and are particularly unsuited to menial physical labor. Beauty and concinnity are as essential to them as sunshine to the flower, and without it they droop and wither.
Men who have the Moon in Libra are attracted to pretty, gracious, and adaptable female companions — a mate who implements their social ambitions, a secretary who is a model of efficiency and attractiveness, a girl friend others admire.
Most men and women with this position need tastefully appointed homes or offices. They are extremely sensitive to the esthetic effect of the "right" setting for themselves and their work, and may operate like a stage designer who enhances the effectiveness of the actors with a backdrop and scenery evocative of the mood of the play.
They are well aware that a certain amount of ceremonious role-playing can do wonders to diminish the uncertainties of everyday living, and would just as soon abide by the conventions and reap the benefits of an orderly way of life.

Moon in Scorpio

***Keynote*: Feelings are hidden but intense.**
***Symbol*: A psychoanalyst helps his patient relive the past.**
The genius of the Moon/Scorpio person lies in their ability to see into the depths of things. This is a natural psychologist who can bring out the best or worst in people and who appreciates the power of the unconscious factors which motivate everyday behavior.
They are apt to be preoccupied with sex, and their problems frequently have obscure sexual origins.
Although highly charged emotionally, they may be so deeply reserved that they betray no sign of the tumult of feelings which fight for control over their nature. This inner pressure keeps them restlessly on the go despite a tightly maintained control over their instincts.
Often the most vital part of their life is carried on below the surface in fantasies and in dreams. Because their psychic energies are engaged in the task of self-exploration rather than in practical work.
The Moon is in its fall in Scorpio because the lunar function of growth is incompatible with the sign’s function of elimination. The Moon rules the public while Scorpio holds sway over such strictly private matters as generally pertain to the bedroom or bathroom.
Lunar Scorpions are reticent about their personal affairs - often with good reason. They prefer jobs where they can shut themselves in private offices

and work quietly and efficiently away from the spotlight of attention and the intrusions of strangers.
The lunar Scorpion's capacity for dogged persistence makes them willing to tackle difficult but essential jobs. They like to be by the sea or large bodies of water, and prosper in businesses relating to liquor or liquids.
Because the watery or psychic element is so prominent in their nature, they are liable to go to emotional extremes. Sex becomes an issue, not only because the appetites are insistent, but because the primary libidinal drive may be diverted into devious channels, resulting in strange impulses, compulsions, and fetishes.
There is a danger of turning to drugs, alcohol, or promiscuity in order to release pent-up feelings. However, when the deep-seated forces of the personality are given legitimate outlets, lunar Scorpions become faithful workers for causes in which they invest themselves body, mind, and soul.
This position can show a peculiarly difficult life. The problems that boil to the surface may seem inexplicable, but to the esotericist they represent karmic liabilities brought over from a previous existence. Hence they are unavoidable and inexorable in their demand for remedial action.
Unconsciously, these people can chose to expiate former transgressions and to purify their nature through suffering. Sooner or later, they find themselves forced to renounce something they crave or to which they have become compulsively attached, as they learn to relinquish sensual satisfaction in order to regenerate themselves from within.
The emotional energy resources, which are strong when the Sun or Ascendant sign is Scorpio, are in some ways even more potent with a Scorpio Moon. They will surface at once when challenged, and the response to all kinds of situations is influenced in an extremely powerful way.
Because the feelings are so instantly on tap, one can over-react when provoked; all kinds of reactions, both positive and negative, will be laced with vivid emotion. There may be outbursts which will surprise those confronted with them, since other areas of the personality usually present a very different sort of person.
This placing boosts not only emotional but also physical energy, which adds determination and the instinctive urge to achieve. They can also encourage others (particularly loved ones) to achieve more.
It is important that the individual realize how many situations in life will prompt an instinctive response of jealousy. The Moon in Scorpio may well loathe expressing any form of jealousy, but will simply not be able to help it. Again, it is the powerful influence of the Moon encouraging an immediate response and reaction.
If these extremely powerful sources of emotional energy and intuition can be channeled in positive directions, there will be great inner strength and resourcefulness.

Moon in Sagittarius

***Keynote*: Enlightened persuasion is directed toward idealistic ends.**

***Symbol*: A missionary preaches to natives on a remote village.**

A lunar Sagittarian usually knows what they want to do, or at least what kind of person they want to be. A need to be engaged in meaningful activity keeps them restlessly on the go, and may entail frequent changes of residence. Their interests are big, bold, and speculative, but their wide-ranging spirit is easily bothered by petty details.

These individuals are noted for their imaginative intellects and their willingness to make the most of the knowledge they have gained in the school of experience. They study everything they see, are eager to learn more, and hasten to move on to new adventures.

When the energies of Sagittarius are focused through the lunar lens of the instinctive nature, the result may be a salesman or a showman. A natural persuasiveness is enhanced by a sense of the dramatic and an ability to produce carefully calculated effects.

The commodity they may most successfully peddle is their strongly held beliefs, but they may also be an articulate promoter of a variety of profit making items.

The danger of the Moon in Sagittarius arises from allowing optimism to slide into carelessness. Deliberate restraint is needed to counteract a tendency to go too far too fast and thereby risk losing everything.

Lunar Sagittarians take a broad, impersonal view of the human scene. Their conception of social betterment may interest them more than the problems of the actual individuals they are apparently dedicated to helping.

People with this placing will respond in a very positive, optimistic and enthusiastic way to circumstances (especially those that are challenging), for the sheer enjoyment and need of challenge is a quintessential Sagittarian characteristic.

These people give the impression that they will not worry or bother too much with the pros and cons of a situation. In fact, they are not very good at recognizing small details or problems, and can tend to ignore them even when they are pointed out by others.

The urge to move forward physically and intellectually is very strong - impatience when waiting in traffic jams, for instance, is common. They will enjoy feeling that their intellect is being stretched, but can sometimes give the impression of knowing and under- standing much more than is really the case.

Hope and optimism run high, until other more sober elements of the personality take over. Balance is needed if they are not to incline towards bluster, with blind optimism clouding common sense. Nonetheless, there is a general keenness and enthusiasm.

A tendency to be off-hand is a fault that often emerges with this placing. “See if I care” is the sort of statement that is characteristic of the Moon in

Sagittarius, usually followed by a turn and toss of the head, with the individual already thinking of something, or someone, else.
Sagittarian restlessness almost inevitably present, should be countered, or at least recognized. There is marvelous potential, especially intellectually, and it is up to them to develop a consistency of effort by fully using other areas of the personality.
They must aim to calm their reactions, even though these are positive, so that the Sagittarian sage-like qualities and their own sound, possibly unique, philosophy of life can be used to their full and best advantage.
Digestive problems and biliousness can affect the health, as those with this placing like to enjoy food which is a little too rich for their systems.

Moon in Capricorn

Keynote: **Feelings are disciplined and restrained.**

Symbol: **An elegantly attired older woman studies her family genealogy.**

At best, the Moon in Capricorn translates responsiveness into a sense of responsibility. At worst, it is coldly indifferent to human sentiments. Since the Moon is in detriment in Saturn's sign, this placement may diminish the capacity for feeling and response.
Unswervingly ambitious, these people are often wedded to their work. Since they have a tendency to rely on authority and to cling to precedent as a guide, the early years are especially important in structuring the pattern of their personalities.
Frequently, they encounter troubles in childhood owing to the inadequacy of one or both parents, although their problems generally relate to the mother.
Whatever the source of their malaise, lunar Capricornians are often haunted by the feeling that their lives are predestined to be austere and difficult. This sense of being a pawn of fate can lend them a sense of solitary remoteness.
Outwardly, they may be poised and charming but inwardly they are beset by fears, melancholy moods, and shyness.
The Moon is so sensitive and Capricorn so weighty that the unconcious mind can be indelibly imprinted with whatever complex – usually involving power or work – Saturn determines to stamp upon it.
A rigorous adherence to duty may stem from a sense of being 'chosen' which is so compelling that there seems to be no choice except to take the hard way out and tackle an awesome job head on.
Thus, though this is considered a difficult placement, it can lead to remarkable accomplishment.
Less competent people with the Moon in Capricorn can easily become frustrated, depressed, or resentful of the burdens thrust upon their shoulders. Sometimes their trouble stems from a hidden pride which can impart a strong desire to gain status and be noticed by others. When this drive is thwarted, it can be distorted into cringing servility, a martyr complex, or even political fanaticism.

This placement is decidedly more difficult for women than for men. The Moon should be motherly, soft, and yielding, but Capricorn's ruling planet Saturn is hard and authoritarian. The effect may be to force the mother to abandon her biological role and become the family disciplinarian and breadwinner.
A Moon/Saturn combination can promote the interests of a dedicated career woman but she will have to make a special effort to retain her feminine charm.
Men of this type are apt to marry older women. Frequently, they do not find much emotional fulfillment in marriage, although it may advance their careers.
They are likely to succeed in public affairs, business, or any enterprise in which they can take command. These individuals may have considerable scientific ability but this will usually be directed toward the physical rather than the theoretical sciences.
Theirs is a cautious ambition which seldom neglects the security of the family and prefers not to take unnecessary chances.
Lunar Capricorns should examine their deeper motives in order to make sure they know why they want what they want. They need to guard against acting out of blind compulsion or in compensation for emotional lacks.
They have the ability to materialize their plans and ideas. Therefore they must use the utmost care to use their powers for worthwhile purposes.

Moon in Aquarius

***Keynote*: Original and unusual ideas arise out of the unconscious mind.**
***Symbol*: An intelligent woman conducts a panel discussion on television.**

Those with this placing are magnetically attractive, yet send out signals suggesting they are cool and distant, and don't want the rest of us to come too close. It is only when we break through this brittle, bright but some-what frosty barrier that we actually experience the characteristics of the Sun, and eventually the Ascendant, sign. It is as if, in some ways, they are on the defensive, and want to appear enigmatic and mysterious.
The flow of emotion is very controlled, although if anyone needs help they are likely to respond immediately and want to do as much as possible, just like their Aquarius Sun sign cousins. The reasons for helping can be severely practical, and they will at once see a way through any difficulties that may cloud the issue for the person in trouble.
The unpredictability of Aquarius will be seen when they are confronted with any aspect of life that could be considered controversial. The reaction may be totally unexpected, and quite different from what was anticipated. Similarly, they may take an unexpected line of action, on the spur of the moment, that is completely out of character with other areas of their personality. In retrospect, they may have problems attempting to justify this to themselves.
Anything glamorous will strongly appeal. Moon/Aquarius also have a romantic streak. However, this is detached, and the way emotions are expressed,

especially in love (as opposed to strong feelings relating to worldly issues) must be assessed from the positions of Venus and Mars.
Originality and often a spark of genius are present. Sudden bright ideas should be acted upon and carried through to completion. If stubbornness is shown in the positions and aspects of the other planets, it could become a serious problem, for it will not blend happily with a tendency to unpredictability. Nervous tension can also cause problems, the likelihood of which will be affected by the influence of Uranus in the birth chart.
The humanitarian qualities of Aquarius, linked with kindness, will be very evident and contribute much that is positive in this individual's character.
People having the Moon in Aquarius are endowed with the divine gift of imagination. Their capacity to visualize can cause them to fear the worst, but it also gives wings to their inventive genius. They understand the meaning of the axiom 'Energy follows thought', and instinctively respect the power of ideas to produce changes in circumstances.
Many of the lunar Aquarian's most inspired insights come directly from the realm of the unconscious. As they learn to plumb their own psyche, they may release unsuspected creative forces. These images and concepts may take so powerful a grip upon the mind that one begins to feel more like their instrument than their originator.
In the fixed sign Aquarius, the restlessness of the ever-changing Moon is stabilized and its sympathies are broadened. Human inconsistencies can be viewed in a broadly detached manner. Although lunar Aquarians themselves usually appear to be sensible and well-adjusted, they can understand people who are not. Yet they become deeply involved in the causes they espouse and will throw caution to the winds when the necessity arises to voice their opinions.
They are original, not because they say what no one has ever said before, but because they say exactly what they think. Occasionally, they appear more radical than they are, simply because people are not used to such plain speaking.
Since these individuals like to vent unusual ideas, they are often found in professions such as writing, film making, and public relations where they can influence people's minds. Every so often they like to surprise and shock an audience in order to shake them out of their complacency. They want to jolt others into an awareness of current happenings even though the process may prove painful.
Lunar Aquarians are as broad-minded as their solar counterparts and can apply their scientific personality to the study of human problems. Men of this type tend to hold themselves aloof and are frequently misunderstood. Women may be too intellectual and independent to seem completely feminine unless other influences compensate for the lack of softness in their nature.

Both sexes are liable to suffer from physical and mental tension if they allow themselves to be over-stimulated by the energies which course through their nervous system.
This combination often engenders an interest in astrology, metaphysics, parapsychology, occultism, and all manner of arcane subjects. There is a preoccupation with the strange and unusual, not for the sake of novelty seeking, but because of a genuine desire to understand the whys and wherefores of existence.
The Aquarian seldom accepts the limitations that others take for granted. Their fundamental faith in man and nature assures them that the human mind is capable of uncovering the most startling secrets of the universe, and that nothing is too amazing to be real.
The lunar Aquarian seldom craves to be a master over men. They want to illumine minds not dominate them. They value their liberty too highly to want to interfere with the liberty of someone else.
The Aquarian age has already demonstrated that modern scientific technology can set man free from the drudgery of menial chores and provide the leisure to explore the widening vistas of outer and inner space. It is also demonstrating that true democracy is a system which cannot be sustained by Saturnian laws alone.
Each citizen must undergo a Uranian transformation of mind and heart which enables them, through the planetarization of their consciousness, to envision a society of freely cooperating groups and nations. Only then can the Aquarian ideal become a reality.

Moon in Pisces

***Keynote*: Needs of others call forth a sympathetic response.**
***Symbol*: A sister of mercy tends hopeless cases in a hospital charity.**
Having the Moon in Pisces one can be so receptive to the psychic emanations of all with whom they come in contact that they exist in a state of perpetual emotion. Owing to this hyper-responsiveness, there may be a tendency to want to withdraw from the competitive world of their socially ambitious contemporaries and become increasingly reclusive. They prefer to remain in the background and work behind the scenes where their energies are not depleted be mingling with others.
Despite the fact that lunar Pisceans are ill-equipped to brave the toilsome world of business and finance, they are not afraid of difficult work and are often found in hospitals, prisons, and institutions where they devote themselves to charitable endeavors. Many minister to the poor and downtrodden with a truly Christ-like sprit of compassion. In whatever capacity they function, they generally try to find someone less fortunate than themselves to serve and save.
Moon in Pisces can be self-indulgent sensationalists and are more liable to addictions than are those who have the Sun in this Neptunian sign.

Redemption may be found in devotion to a religious doctrine or a charismatic leader.
Lunar Pisceans are seldom materially ambitious, although they appreciate beautiful things. Sometimes they are too shy or too lazy to promote their own best interests. This is not always a true shyness or laziness but may result from the fact that much of their psychic energy is absorbed by their fantasy life.
The fluctuating Moon in a Mutable sign produces a restlessness which undermines solid accomplishment so that even success may not last.
There can be a tendency to perceive events through a veil of sentiment. A fondness for seclusion seldom stems from any real dislike for people but reflects their ability to retreat into a private realm of feelings and draw upon the inspirations of books, music, and nature.
The individual may be ill-adjusted to this world because they are not convinced that it is the type of world they want to be well adjusted to. Their love of ideal beauty makes them loath to accept their environing conditions as anything more than mere exigencies.
Yet they may withstand harrowing circumstances simply because they can be psychologically detached.
The main problem posed by Moon in Pisces is ambivalence. Many of these enigmatic people do not know what they really want, yet they are goaded by ineffable yearnings which make it impossible for them to remain contented with their present situation.
They hang suspended between heaven and earth, able to grasp neither one nor the other, and driven by inchoate desires that know no means of gratification. They want to taste the pleasures of the senses and to provide abundantly for those they love.
At the same time they long to transcend the body and to sacrifice themselves for a cause beyond mere survival.
Their ordained task is to resolve this duality symbolized by the bound fishes, and thereby find their own center of serenity.

MERCURY through the Signs

Mercury in Aries

***Keynote*: The urge to communicate ideas incites rapid mental activity.**
***Symbol*: A weather vane swings back and forth in the spring breezes.**
The effect of Aries upon Mercury is to activate the mind. As a social spark plug this person is invaluable. In brainstorming sessions they can be expected to voice original and unconventional thoughts on a variety of subjects without anything so mundane as practical considerations to cramp their style. They make an entertaining companion because they are keenly interested in everything but do not pass judgment.

This gives decisiveness, quick thinking, and the ability to assess problems in a straightforward way. If Mercury is in negative aspect to Mars there may be impulsive thinking and hasty actions. Usually, however, the natural decisiveness works well, with the individual making the right choice and taking positive, assertive action.
There is a love of argument and debate, with a tendency towards stimulating and provocative remarks. Generally fools are not suffered gladly; one comes straight to the point, and their outlook is both positive and optimistic. The overall grasp is excellent but help is advisable when making plans, for this individual is likely to be bored by detail and prefers the broad sweep of a project.
The intellectual drive of a person with Mercury in Aries underscores the ability to be an effective speaker, but in a debate they tend to see only their side of the case. They may become argumentative or too clever for their own good, substituting smart phrases for considered judgment. One must take care that a restless mind does not give way to contentiousness, especially in later years.
The mind is a good servant but a poor master. Therefore, it is important that a person having this combustible combination of fire and air should seek to promote some worthy cause. If they can employ their intellectual faculties efficiently and with full awareness of what they, as master of the mind, intend to accomplish, then Mercury will enable them to shine like a star in the small galaxy of their environment.

Sun in Pisces / Mercury in Aries

This adds necessary decisiveness, a more positive outlook, and to a certain extent more self-assurance. The imagination will be ignited, and as a result creative potential will be expressed positively when in other cases it can lie dormant due to lack of self-confidence. The high emotional level of Pisces will be expressed, and the ability to communicate feelings enhanced.
The Sun in Pisces with Mercury in Aries gives the ability to play upon human emotions, to present ideas dramatically, and to communicate subtleties of thought. Involvement in the theater, and acting in general would be one likely avenue of success for this position.
Piscean strength of will (usually lacking) should be increased.

Sun in Aries / Mercury in Aries

The Arian need for action, and to be out in front, is spiced with extremely quick thinking processes. There is a general hastiness, with patience almost non-existent, unless the Moon or Ascendant suggest otherwise.
Directness of approach, decisiveness and positive, uncomplicated thinking are splendidly in tune with Arian characteristics, and if they can be tempered the individual will certainly make their mark on the world.

Impulsive, hasty actions with unnecessary risk-taking and selfishness due to a lack of thought should be controlled.

Sun in Taurus / Mercury in Aries
Speed and vivacity are added to the stable Taurean type, making one less cautious but more assertively decisive. However, the individual will also be less patient and may even show some irritation when others do not greet their ideas or suggestions in the right way.
Problems and projects are approached with realism and enthusiasm, and the Taurean need for careful planning will be enhanced by the ability to grasp a situation quickly and concisely. A spirit of enterprise blends with the Taurean business ability.

Mercury in Taurus
***Keynote*: Thoughts are communicated with deliberation.**
***Symbol*: A banker explains a financial statement.**
Since Taurus is slow and Mercury is the mind, the individual with Mercury in Taurus will be slow to make up their mind. Once it is set, however, they stand by their word. Their ideas coagulate like a pudding that has jelled. It may not be possible to mix in new concepts without mental disruption, but their thoughts can be turned out in a literary or artistic mold.
This individual may delay in deciding what they want out of life but when they do embark upon an enterprise they follow through. Once an idea has been implanted in their mind it is solidly rooted, and they will amass great quantities of information on the subjects which capture their interest. As a scholar, they refrain from jumping to conclusions. In fact, it is beneath the dignity of most Taureans to jump at anything. They prefer to reach their goals by pacing steadily along a well-marked highway and consciously avoiding the distractions of enticing bypaths.
The typical Taurean is stubborn and persevering and will struggle mightily to gain the satisfactions they crave. Since Mercury can be flighty and abstract, the persistence of the sign enhances the planet's material effectiveness, especially with regard to making money. The financial acumen of Mercury/Taurus people proves that it takes more than mental brilliance to produce wealth. Often the plodding, utilitarian thinker can magnetize money while the more scintillating intellects, whose vision is attenuated by abstract ideas, cannot make ends meet.
The danger of this position is mental inertia. The efforts of Taurus to incorporate the elusive qualities of Mercury can be like harnessing a bull to a butterfly in order to combine strength and lightness. The volatility of this airy planet is so incompatible with the massive solidarity of the sign that they may have difficulty in cooperating. Generally, it is easier for the person with Mercury in Taurus to absorb knowledge from practical experience than from

teachers in school. They are less interested in theories than in workable techniques which can be applied to the problems of everyday living.
If the Sun has moved into the sign Gemini, a basic urge to communicate will be expedited by a graphic sense of form and design. This combination can make a compelling writer with a talent for producing memorable images. Special interest will be taken in the reproduction and transmission of the spoken word.
Mercury in Taurus is particularly favorable for occupations pertaining to the earth sciences and the transportation industry. From this position alone, it is not possible to say what vocation a person will follow. However, one can surmise that in all undertakings he will apply his mind in down-to-earth ways and find pragmatic ways of linking supply and demand, and manipulating the resources at his disposal with determined intelligence.

Sun in Aries / Mercury in Taurus
This acts as an excellent stabilizer to the impetuous Arian. The ability to think slowly and constructively is an asset, and the chances of impulsive or reckless decision-making are very much mitigated.
There is plenty of common sense and the subject should have no difficulty in pacing themselves when making plans or preparing for any kind of examination or test. Sometimes Arian selfishness can be exacerbated by stubbornness, and there will be an inclination to reject both faults when they are mentioned.
With the Sun is in Aries and Mercury is in Taurus, Arian inventiveness can be applied to the production of objects of a practical nature. Such an individual may be both a trail-blazer and a road-builder. They know how to promote ideas and make them materially effective.

Sun in Taurus / Mercury in Taurus
Here is a "salt of the earth" type. What is said is usually meant, so they are reliable. However, quick responses and the ability to get moving, both physically and mentally, must be developed. Taurean stubbornness and dislike of change will certainly be present.
Every opinion may be cautiously and carefully considered, as this is the combination of the strong, silent type, only speaking when they have something really worthwhile to say.
The grasp of situations and acquisition of knowledge will be slow but comments will be deliberate; thoughts are charmingly expressed. Time is needed to assimilate new ideas.

Sun in Gemini / Mercury in Taurus
Because Mercury rules Gemini, this placing has a considerable effect on the Sun sign characteristics as well as the mental outlook and thinking processes. Considerable stability is added to this lively, quick, versatile type,

and will greatly assist in thinking more carefully and constructively, even adding a little patience at times.
Practical common sense is usual and the individual should assimilate facts well; brightness of personality is not diminished. The Sun and Mercury in Taurus encourage the desire to bring about concrete achievement and visible results. The mind is concerned with problems of relative values and with originating methods for accomplishing work with maximum ease and efficiency.
This is an excellent anchorage for Sun sign Geminians.

Mercury in Gemini

***Keynote*: Ideas are communicated clearly and rationally.**

***Symbol*: A technician feeds data into a computer.**

The person born with Mercury in Gemini has the type of purely logical mind that cannot see why human beings insist upon making so much trouble for themselves. They are convinced that if they would only behave reasonably and look at their problems realistically, most of their sufferings might be avoided. It frustrates them that they do not run their lives more intelligently. In defense, they periodically retreat into a world of abstract studies where they can indulge their proclivity for arranging items systematically.
As ruler of Gemini, Mercury can vent its volatile nature in this sign without being continually impeded by practical considerations. It is plain to see why this light-footed lord of the mind, nerves and all tubes and wires, and channels of communication should have suzerainty over the sign of connections. Mercury carries the messages that link the diverse elements within a given system and enables the system as whole to adjust to the environment. Thus, it bifurcates into the awareness of the inner and outer realms which enables the conscious ego to look two ways at once.
One can use their mind lucidly and effectively in order to convey their own or other people's opinions. Their thinking is neither instinctive in the manner of the Moon, Mars, and Venus, nor intuitive in the manner of Uranus and Neptune, but is as strictly rational as they can make it. By clarifying issues and stringing ideas together in logical sequences, this person endeavors to make facts speak for themselves. They have a compulsion to find out why things behave as they do and are convinced that there must be a causal explanation for everything that occurs.
Mystery-mongering irritates them. They have little patience with sentimentalists who allow emotion to befog their thinking. They like to keep their ideas neatly sorted and defined, and make it a point to avoid people whose intellects fail to grasp concepts that to them seem patently obvious.
People with Mercury in Gemini long to be free as the air. They need not travel far to feel refreshed, but they must circulate and exchange ideas with compatible thinkers. This individual is likely to have an adroit sense of humor and can often make a point by the clever couching of their phrases. This is an

excellent position for a writer, speaker, or a journalist. It also gives scientific acumen. Such people should enter professions which exploit their scientific versatility and do not demand unremitting concentration on a single task.
Mercury in Gemini is often brilliant. For enduring accomplishment, however, they are better off collaborating with someone who can bring their ideas down to earth and turn them to material advantage.
Here Mercury is placed in one of the signs it rules, strengthening its influence. It gives a considerable need to exchange ideas and opinions, and generally one likes to be heard. There is a real need to communicate with others - from talking to the next person in a line, to participating in public debates.
This person is able to think very quickly and be involved in more than one task at a time. Quick decisions will be made, but not necessarily adhered to, for the mind is often changed, sometimes with the subject denying that this has happened.
Often there is a flair for selling. Impatience especially with people of a slower turn of mind is common, and the individual will easily be able to talk their way out of tricky situations. Adaptability is a great asset, but superficiality of thought and action must be guarded against. Cunning and craftiness may also be present.

Sun in Gemini / Mercury in Gemini
There will be many Geminian characteristics - the need to communicate, quick thinking, changeability of mind, versatility, and the ability to talk one's way out of difficult situations. Geminian faults (superficiality and restlessness) must be guarded against. Very often there is a tendency to question the self when the emotions are aroused, since they can be mistrusted; the individual must justify these reactions to their own satisfaction.
When the Sun and Mercury are both in Gemini, the mind prefers to function on the plane of pure reason, unimpeded by mundane considerations. This Sun/Mercury position shows the intellect to be an uncommonly ingenious instrument.

Sun in Taurus / Mercury in Gemini
The slow, steady Taurean type will be aided by quick thinking and be far less stubborn than those with Mercury in other signs. While still liking routine there is less chance of getting into a rut, since the strong influence of Mercury will add considerable adaptability and some versatility without sacrificing the excellent Taurean sense of purpose and determination.
The subject will take a less conventional, more up-to-date outlook on life, and be able to reassess their opinions with the passing of time.
Mercurial superficiality is less likely.

Sun in Cancer / Mercury in Gemini

Cancerian changes of mood will be exacerbated by Mercurial changes of mind, but this placing will counter the Cancerian tendency to over-sentimentality, endowing the subject with more forward-looking thinking and planning ability. The high emotional content always present in Cancerians will be spiced with an element of skepticism, so that the out-and-out romanticism and sometimes over-colorful imagination is less likely to get out of hand.
The Cancerian memory, which is usually excellent, should not be impaired, and this Gemini/Mercury influence will speed up decision-making, and, most importantly, help mitigate the overwhelmingly powerful Cancerian tendency to worry.

Mercury in Cancer

Keynote: **Perceptions are communicated sensitively and imaginatively.**
***Symbol*: A poetic recitation stirs the emotions of a crowd.**

An excellent memory and imagination is likely, but there is a tendency to look to the past sometimes too nostalgically so that forward thinking and planning can cause apprehension and worry because of having to consider and accept the unknown.
It is important that the individual realizes that the imagination tends to work over-time, all too often negatively, so that when things go wrong (or appear to do so) they are turned from molehills into mountains. A love of the past may be seen in a fascination with history, also long historical /romantic novels or family sagas will be enjoyed or even written. There is usually tenacity, especially when studying, but one may be prone to changing their mind, perhaps mostly when emotional reactions clash with logical thinking and the assessment of situations.
People with Mercury in Cancer can sway the public with their oratory but they need to guard against being so eager to make an impression that they gloss over their own convictions. They may be tempted to say what they think their listeners want to hear or are willing to accept. Thus, they gain a reputation for being opportunistic when in fact they are really only too anxious to please. They need to turn to their own powers of introspection and be completely honest with themselves. Otherwise, their persuasions can too easily be altered by circumstances as they drift like a rudderless sailboat blown hither and thither by every breath of opinion.
The mind is retentive, especially in matters pertaining to family history and bygone times. An instinctive feeling for the archaic gives an aptitude for dealing with antiquities and an interest in museums. The ability to turn back to the past makes many Mercurial Cancerians natural psychologists. The works of Carl Jung who popularized the idea of the collective unconscious and who wrote extensively on the symbolism of fantasies and dreams, typify this associative mode of thought.
When Mercury is in Cancer, the mind may not be especially original but a compensating psychic permeability permits the absorption of ideas without

labored explanations. With the Sun also in Cancer, the intuitive powers are intensified, but they may be denied recognition because of the reticence of the sign.
Mercury in Cancer often gives deep sympathies and a vivid imagination. If such a person hears of a flood or earthquake in some part of the world, they can visualize the havoc created by the disaster and commiserate with the unfortunate victims. In extreme cases, the tendency to dwell upon melancholy images dissipates time and energy through worry about the vicissitudes of others and fear that similar troubles might befall one's own loved ones. No matter how dauntless a Cancerian may be they are vulnerable where their family, especially their children are concerned. They need to avoid brooding over calamities, past, present, or potential, and to cultivate faith in their own reason and intelligence.
Mercury/Cancer people may not be outstandingly intellectual but they are usually kind and well meaning. They have a tolerance of human frailty based on an ability to sense the mental state of others and to sympathize with their problems and anxieties. They respond to feelings as much as to facts, realizing that if an individual feels something intensely, then this is a legitimate part of their world of reality.
Cancer brings out the passive side of Mercury, making the mind receptive but not always capable of discrimination. There is a liability to be swayed by appeals to the emotions, even against the dictates of common sense. If, however, mental stability and depth of purpose reinforce the innate sensitivity of the Cancerian, they may become the psychologist who studies the art of healing as well as the science of suppressing disease. This integrative kind of psychology does not require degrees or diplomas but may be practiced by anyone who genuinely wants to help others.

Sun in Gemini / Mercury in Cancer
Considerable intuition and a powerful instinct are added to the Gemini traits. The imagination is likely to be expressed through writing or perhaps some form of handicraft.
The placing adds a measure of sensitivity especially when assessing other people's reactions, making one more sympathetic than critical. It can cause even the most rational Geminians to worry, but nevertheless logic should eventually rule the day.
This individual should recognize that a changeable mind can cause problems to loved ones as well as themselves.

Sun in Cancer / Mercury in Cancer
The Cancerian imagination is increased and must be given positive or creative expression. Undue worry is extremely likely, and if pessimism or depression are hinted at elsewhere this placing may increase such possibilities.

Intuition and love of the past will be enormously enhanced, as will moodiness. The thinking process is almost totally intuitive, and ideas, thoughts and decisions will be made quite instinctively, which is right for this combination.

Sun in Leo / Mercury in Cancer

Here, intuition and sentimentality are heightened, with the imagination put to excellent use. Leo optimism will help overcome the Cancerian tendency to worry, but Mercury adds kindness, consideration and sympathy, making one less dogmatic and bossy.

Mental flexibility will also be an asset and caution and shrewdness act as a good counter to Leo's fire.

The high emotional level of Leo is affected by the more sensitive, emotional element of Mercury in Cancer, increasing for instance, Leonine appreciation of splendid theatrical or musical performances, and allowing a full expression of feeling toward loved ones.

Mercury in Leo

***Keynote*: Bold ideas are cogently and enthusiastically expressed.**

***Symbol*: A statesman makes a speech into a battery of microphones.**

With Mercury in Leo one will be articulate because they really want to impart their ideas and to elucidate the concepts behind these ideas. They impress their audience with their warmth of personality and the relevance of the information they convey.

This is an intellectually dynamic placement, since versatile Mercury distributes the Sun’s light and makes it widely known. The effect is that of power from a central source flowing through many channels out into the world. The vitality of the sign combines with the verbal virtuosity of the planet of the mind to communicate concepts cogently.

Mercury in Leo contributes excellent planning and organizational ability. Tasks of all kinds are approached in a practical and rather conventional way, and while there is often considerable ability to think creatively there is a tendency to be stubborn and inflexible, which often emerges in the young. They have plenty of determination, and considerable mental and nervous energy. Usually there are good powers of concentration, especially when studying. Speech can be dramatic, sometimes with a tendency to exaggerate. There is no lack of enthusiasm or optimism. Powers of communication are good, but can at times be marred by a rather condescending manner.

This placing, because it assists the organizational ability, encourages helpfulness to others, giving much flair in assessing and helping to solve their problems. However, dogmatic tendencies and bossiness can also be present.

Sun in Cancer / Mercury in Leo

The outlook is positive and organizational ability is increased. There will be less tendency to worry irrationally, but one can be surprisingly bossy.

Tenacity is enhanced, and this person will be able to make long-term plans and stick to them. The thinking processes will be less purely intuitive, with ideas formulated constructively and then acted upon when the time is right.
The Cancerian tendency to look to the past is kept under control - there will be less nostalgic longing for "the good old days" - but there will be sentimentality. Enthusiasm will help the subject to overcome apprehension.

Sun in Leo / Mercury in Leo
With the Sun and Mercury both in Leo, a desire for prominence is coupled with a flair for conveying thoughts vividly and imaginatively. This position favors artistic accomplishment as well as social success and recognition as a unique personality.
Leo fiery enthusiasm and optimism will be enhanced by positive thinking and increased organizational ability. However, one should be aware that bossiness and a dogmatic attitude can mar many of their positive qualities.
The powers of leadership and the ability to get things done are strong points, and dramatic flair when communicating ideas, expressing opinions and describing events will be very colorful and often exaggerated.
Flexibility should be developed since stubbornness can be quite a problem.

Mercury in Virgo
***Keynote*: The mind functions in a detailed, systematic manner.**
***Symbol*: A mailman delivers letters to various offices in a large building.**
In Virgo, the duality of Gemini subdivides into a multiplicity. The Mercurial Virgoan can skillfully cope with a vast assortment of details. This is an exemplary sign position for Mercury, which both rules and is exalted in Virgo. The pragmatism of the sign effectively grounds the airy diffusiveness of the planet and directs its force into suitable channels of expression.
While Mercury in its positive sign Gemini flits like a butterfly from one intriguing idea to the next, Mercury in Virgo is pinned down to a solid surface of facts which can be microscopically studied, labeled, and preserved for posterity. Such precision may be hard on the butterfly, but the cause of human knowledge is advanced.
Since Virgo rules the digestive system, Mercury therein imparts the ability to digest information. The intellect is less innovative than adaptive, endeavoring to find out where everything fits, glorifying physical fitness, and wanting people to behave fittingly. This compartmentalization of functions is fine from a utilitarian point of view, but the compulsion to be correct can inhibit the mind from reaching higher intuitive realms where differences fade and opposites blend.
The old saying, "the mind is a good servant but a poor master," is confirmed by the assignation of Mercury to the sign of service. The Virgoan Mercury is useful to the extent that it is disciplined, controlled, and kept "in its place." While propitious for scholarly research, it is less well suited to the inductive

process of reasoning on which the broader application of knowledge depends.
Writers with Mercury in Virgo often produce books replete with voluminous data, formidably buttressed with footnotes and erudite references. Yet they are reluctant to integrate their mosaic bits of facts into the larger picture.
A debilitating lack of confidence, to which most Virgoans are prone because of their strongly self-critical faculty, can lead to unwillingness to take a strong stand on any fundamental issue. Someone else — probably a fire-sign person — generally has to be the one to assert, "This I believe."
Mercury in Virgo can dissect with precision or desiccate with unending revisions. If the vital juices have been sapped by excessive ratiocination, scholarship degenerates into dull pedantry. On the positive side, the mental faculties may be so keenly honed that almost any problem can be solved — if it has a solution. If it does not, it may not be recognized to exist.
This placement is ingeniously adept at devising specific techniques for accomplishing work. It indicates a person who adjusts easily to the academic world and who can profit through the continued development of their intellectual skills.
The Virgoan needs to remember that there is no cut and dried formula for living — only the fluid process that is life itself and which, while it may be measured on its surface, can never be fathomed to its primordial depths. Mercury's clever mapmaking mind wants to outline the contour of every continent and landmass. However, they must also realize that there are profundities of experience beyond their ken which are no less significant in the development of man and the cosmos.

Sun in Leo / Mercury in Virgo
Mercury acts as a break to many of the over-exuberant, enthusiastic and optimistic qualities of Leo. Its influence will add some practical down-to-earth common sense, preventing the subject from over-reacting when excited, and causing them to think twice before bragging, or perhaps buying showy clothes.
Here is an excellent blend of the ability to assess situations in detail and the broader Leonine approach. The nervous energy of Mercury will complement the fiery emotional and physical energy of Leo and, if other planets do not inhibit, a great deal should be achieved, since creative flair (Leo) will work with the careful, critical development of potential (Mercury in Virgo).
With the Sun in Leo, its creative fire may irradiate the intricate patterns laid out by the logical mind with glowing colors.

Sun in Virgo / Mercury in Virgo
This individual can be very 'Virgoan', with a great many of the known attributes of that sign, but must guard against being over-critical or a born

worrier. This critical streak will often be turned on the self, causing a lack of self-confidence and shyness.
But here is an excellent mind, capable of detailed, analytical work and research of all kinds. Nervous haste can sometimes cause surprisingly careless mistakes, and the ability to relax is almost nonexistent. Yoga is often beneficial. When the Sun and Mercury are both in Virgo, however, the mind is inclined toward business, educational, and scientific pursuits.

Sun in Libra / Mercury in Virgo
Libran procrastination and indecisiveness is mitigated, and the individual is able to assess problems more critically, due to an active, versatile mind. Common sense is also present, and the stimulation it brings will certainly encourage the development of all kinds of Libran potential (usually considerable). Libran laziness is not usually a problem, and there is a liking for social intercourse; sometimes, too, there is a love of gossip.
A Libran Sun will also interfuse the productions of this wingless Mercury with lightness, poise, and grace.

<u>Mercury in Libra</u>
***Keynote*: Thoughts are expressed clearly and impartially.**
***Symbol*: An art museum curator discusses the merits of his acquisitions.**
Mercury in Libra gives a flair for knowing what to say, the savoir faire to say it gracefully, and an easygoing air of assurance that one's words will be well received. This individual will attend to the fine points of a literary or artistic production because they can see how each detail enhances the whole picture.
They think in terms of balancing related groups of elements so that one compliments the rest. Their mind is less concerned with particulars than with the overall patterns which endow individual forms with value and significance.
Mercury, an airy planet, blends agreeably with airy Libra. The charm bestowed by Libra's ruler Venus, lends a soft glow to Mercury's somewhat stark intellectuality, while exalted Saturn adds the weight of authority. As a result, head and heart cooperate in assessing the worth of things. A person with Mercury in Libra would be likely to agree with the poet Keats who wrote:
Beauty is truth, truth beauty, - that is all
Ye know on earth and all ye need to know.
The Sun and Mercury conjoined in Libra encourage artistic accomplishment. A contemplative intellect modified by balanced judgment gives polished expression to abstract ideas. Music, writing, oratory, and the arts which rely upon the mastery of the traditional laws of form are usually preferred to the more unstructured modes of self-expression.
The main problem encountered by the Mercurial-Libran is indecisiveness. They have a proclivity to depend upon accredited opinions and then be torn

between disputing factions, each one claiming to have an option on the truth. Vacillation may stem from the desire to consider all possible alternatives impartially as their divided mind is torn between the conflicting testimonies of so-called authorities.
This is a fortuitous combination for professions which require the ability to function cooperatively. It can make for a polished and persuasive speaker with considerable organizational ability but not much liking for physical work. The mind is facile and flexible, but the manner in which it is employed depends largely on the people with whom one chooses to associate.

Sun in Virgo / Mercury in Libra
Hastiness, a sense of urgency, and to a certain extent nervous tension, are all eased here, and the ability to unwind is also present. The attitude to life and its problems will be quite calm, with less Virgoan worry, although sometimes the powerful critical acumen of Virgo will cause undue carping or even nagging at loved ones. But there will be a sense of fairness, and partners should learn to appeal to it. Indecisiveness must be recognized and countered.

Sun in Libra / Mercury in Libra
This tends to make the Libran more indecisive and often mentally lazy sometimes giving the erroneous impression of a lack of intelligence. If there is a lack of self-confidence, laziness will be feigned as a cover-up. One should weigh up every aspect of a situation before reaching conclusions. Gentle encouragement from parents to children with this combination, making quite sure they realize they have made progress, is important if intellectual potential is to be developed; nagging will have an adverse effect.
Procrastination will be a problem especially for loved ones.

Sun in Scorpio / Mercury in Libra
This takes some of the harsh, deeply incisive edge off the Scorpio Sun sign traits, and gives the ability to listen sympathetically. There is greater flexibility of thought, so stubbornness is less of a problem. Popular and charming, the subject is likely to communicate well. The tendency to brood, especially over personal problems, is not as apparent, since the individual will find it easier to talk to friends and loved ones.
The mind works well but in a relaxed way.

Mercury in Scorpio
***Keynote*: The mind penetrates to the essence of matters.**
***Symbol*: A cryptographer endeavors to crack a code.**
Mercury in Scorpio gives a talent for research and the ability to solve mysteries. The subject may be shrewdly perceptive or merely critical and suspicious, but in any event it is best to deal with them straightforwardly. Like

all true Scorpions, they can spot a phony immediately, and while they may not be able to give an adequate explanation for their feat of detection, they are usually right. Often all they can say is that they ‘just know’.
The reasoning mind is connected with combative instincts in such a way that they relish the challenge of solving puzzles and discovering secrets. Their X-ray intellect easily penetrates smooth surfaces of expressed or implied promises to reveal the hidden motives, personal inadequacies, and unconscious prevarications which lurk below.
People with Mercury in Scorpio are invaluable in financial concerns where they keep an eagle eye on accounting procedures. They make dogged investigators in any field and do not flinch from facing facts or exposing corrupt practices. They also have the manual dexterity to handle machinery and keep it running efficiently.
Higher types of Mercurial Scorpions have a profound interest in the mysteries of life and can express obscure ideas succinctly. They also know when to remain silent. Part of the fascination they exert is due to their taciturnity, which makes them the epitome of the proverb, ‘still waters run deep’.

Sun in Libra / Mercury in Scorpio
This adds considerable determination and sense of purpose; Libran indecisiveness will not be such a problem. You may seem indecisive, but will intuitively know what line of action to take, even if you procrastinate over actually making a move! Natural Libran charm will be expressed, but there can be a minor or major tendency to plot and scheme. However, if determination and a sense of purpose can be directed positively towards the attainment of objectives and a more rewarding lifestyle, this is a good combination.
With the Sun in Libra and Mercury in Scorpio, the temperament is basically moderate and conciliatory, but with a certain disputatious streak or contrariness. The Libran Sun may give so much suavity that people fail to realize how acute the intellect really is.

Sun in Scorpio / Mercury in Scorpio
The thinking processes of Mercury will be as powerfully intense and intuitive as they can be, with formidable determination and sense of purpose. The intellectual powers are usually excellent, but the individual could become obsessive perhaps over attaining an objective or a compelling interest. There will be a fascination with mysteries, which will be relentlessly pursued and researched. It is important for there to be a compelling objective of this kind, otherwise these powerful qualities can go sour and turn into Scorpio jealousy or resentfulness.

Sun in Sagittarius / Mercury in Scorpio
This acts as a good counter to the Sagittarian dislike of detail. It reduces the hastiness of Sagittarius and endows natural enthusiasm with a little caution. Any tendency to over-optimism is also controlled, and Mercury in this position generally adds depth to someone who is basically more concerned with the overall breadth of problems and situations.
Sagittarius is a fiery, emotional sign, and Mercury's placing gives some dampening emotion to the intellect, making for someone who is a force to be reckoned with and has a sense of humor.

Mercury in Sagittarius
***Keynote*: The mind ranges over a wide variety of abstract concepts.**
***Symbol*: A scholar compiles logical proofs of the existence of God.**
Mercury is in 'detriment' in Sagittarius because of the disproportion between the planet of specific facts and the sign of general possibilities. Sagittarian expansiveness stimulates Mercury to a fitful brilliance which may be alternately superficial and inspired. There may be big ideas but the subject must be aware that burgeoning mental enthusiasms may make it difficult to concentrate on a single line of endeavor. The mind darts from one conclusion to another but, unless it is deliberately reined in, continuity and judgment are lacking.
At best, the Mercury/Sagittarius blend gives a profound sense of purpose and the ability to focus on distant goals. An ambition to comprehend the mental and moral laws of the universe and to reconcile scientific and religious approaches to life results in a tendency to study several subjects simultaneously, to carry on more than one occupation, and to become involved in a number of different but related projects.

Sun in Sagittarius / Mercury in Sagittarius
This combination indicates a love of travel with an aptitude for talking and writing interestingly about a wide variety of experiences. Your mind is far-sighted and frequently more concerned with ideas than with personalities.

Sun in Capricorn / Mercury in Sagittarius
This combination imparts a talent for practical organization. There may be a tendency to dictate to others and to take strong measures to see that one's ideas are carried out. The individual is determined not just to understand but to wield the law. They are at their best when inspired to dedicate their mind and spirit to some significant movement which broadens people's outlook on life and enables them to grow in understanding.

Sun in Scorpio / Mercury in Sagittarius

Here the heavy intensity of Scorpio gets a lively injection from Mercury, and encourages the individual not to take themselves quite so seriously, nor to become so obsessive over personal or psychological problems.
A certain openness will be very refreshing. There is broad-mindedness and an optimistic outlook. A controlled enthusiasm will be shown and the emotional and intuitive content of Scorpio will be positive and reasoned, generally allowing free expression of the true feelings.
Important interests or hobbies should give full scope to the imagination.

Mercury in Capricorn

***Keynote*: Thoughts are expressed clearly and rationally.**
***Symbol*: A librarian arranges books according to a master plan.**
Saturn-ruled Capricorn tinctures the Mercurial mind with patience, prudence, and practicality. People subject to this combination of influences expedite their plans in a thorough and systematic manner and can generally be counted on to carry out their stated intentions.
The ability to present well-timed and clearly reasoned ideas gives them a dignified and sensible demeanor. Even if they happen to be wrong, this person commands respect, for they seldom indulge in foolish or silly chatter.
Although the mind usually works fairly slowly, the individual can think in a constructive and practical way, able to form a rational and cool view of every situation. Mathematical ability is likely, but one may be slow when studying, and progress may be more steady than rapid.
Every move is calculated and made with great caution. A liking for quality and tradition is common. Achievements can often be underestimated.
Mercury and Saturn maintain their friendly relations with each other throughout the zodiac. Saturn issues orders which Mercury, the servant of the gods, willingly obeys. The heavy vibrations of Capricorn endow this quicksilver planet with the stability it inherently lacks, while Mercury contributes wit and skill to the Capricornian determination to succeed.
A child of the happy marriage of Mercury and Saturn is the dictionary which serves as a final authority on words. While this planetary union is not inherently creative it can, like a dictionary, serve as an invaluable aid in giving proper expression to talents shown elsewhere in the chart.
Just as the cohesiveness of the body (Saturn) is coordinated by the nervous system (Mercury), so is the cohesiveness of a nation derived from its system of internal communications. Ancient Rome was able to achieve greatness because of the efficiency of the communications network linking the central government with the far-flung reaches of the empire.
Even after the empire collapsed, Roman writings, laws, and administrative procedures endured through the centuries. Words enabled the dead to rule the living and perpetuate the power or the past. Thus, Mercury and Capricorn cooperate to form lasting structures bound together by words and ideas.

Although this combination may give a wry humor, it is not necessarily lighthearted since pessimism can be the price Mercury pays for Saturn's mature judgment. There is too realistic an assessment of the foibles and limitations of human nature to feel particularly cheerful about the prospects for humanity in general.
Mercury in Capricorn can be serious or censorious, exact or exacting, dogged or dogmatic. The mind concentrates and directs thought with deliberate intent, but the purposes for which this gift will be used are still contingent on the age of the soul.

Sun in Sagittarius / Mercury in Capricorn
When the Sun is in Sagittarius and Mercury is in Capricorn, the mind has a longer tether. There may be greater optimism and religious idealism but less single-minded concentration on the task at hand. As a manager, supervisor, guide, or teacher the individual may do better training others in practical skills than carrying them out themselves.
Sagittarian over-enthusiasm and blind optimism are steadied here. Common sense and a practical, cautious streak are added, plus the ability to cope with details.
The broad Sagittarian sense of humor is spiced with the offbeat Capricorn slant, making the person very funny at times.
Sagittarian restlessness will be less of a problem but versatility may be reduced.

Sun in Capricorn / Mercury in Capricorn
The person whose Sun and Mercury are both in Capricorn seldom changes their mind and should beware of becoming stiff and opinionated. Respect for tradition can impede progress as conservative Saturn freezes the Mercurial intellect into static patterns of thought.
On the positive side, they have the courage of their convictions and will struggle dauntlessly to make their ideas accepted.
This combination adds lively ambition and often a positive outlook. This person enjoys coping with rivals, and careful planning and forethought should come easily.
The mind works in a very calculated and careful way, with plenty of common sense and usually excellent mathematical and scientific potential. Sometimes there is also musical ability. A measured, steady yet slow pace is common, but what is learned is done so very thoroughly.

Sun in Aquarius / Mercury in Capricorn
With the Sun in Aquarius and Mercury in Capricorn, the mind is more original and independent. A flair for science is present, and imagination will be shown in all intellectual pursuits. This is a helpful blend for organized research.

Aquarian originality and perversity are steadied by the ability to think in a practical way, and stubbornness can be less of a problem. However, some conventionality will be added to Aquarian unconventionality, so one's opinions may swing between the two extremes. Some caution will be a counter to the Aquarian need for individuality and independence.

Mercury in Aquarius

***Keynote*: Ideas circulate through space-transcending media.**

***Symbol*: A youth talks by radio to people in foreign lands.**

Some astrologers believe that Mercury is exalted in Aquarius rather than in Virgo. Others account for the affinity between planet and sign by calling Uranus a higher octave of Mercury. In any event, the sign of invention encourages the operations of the planet of intellect. Aquarian electricity provides a basis for Mercurial communications, and makes possible the worldwide connections which are serving to usher in the Aquarian Age of brotherhood and scientific enlightenment.

People conditioned by this Uranus-ruled sign are not only versatile but can put their thoughts to work in practical ways. Saturn, as co-ruler of Aquarius, disciplines the mind and prepares it to hold up under the galvanic impact of Uranus. Saturn also stiffens the spine so that these individuals pay scant heed to what others may think of them. Critics may regard them as abrupt, eccentric, or rebellious. Yet they follow their own convictions and, by resisting pressure to conform to conventional opinions, often succeed in unexpected ways.

Mercurial Aquarians should circulate freely and expose themselves to new and stimulating ideas. They are at their best working with like-minded associates on a friendly but impersonal basis. It may be difficult for them to establish profound emotional relationships but they can be at ease in groups and are able to express their ideas lucidly and rationally. They gravitate toward the communications industries and enjoy work connected with books, magazines, and broadcasting. Many have a talent for electronics and for handling complex scientific apparatus.

Mercury in Aquarius has a clear-sighted and forward-looking quality, but the resultant ideas may be too progressive to gain widespread popularity. Nevertheless, time (Saturn) works on the side of the native of this sign, and in many cases they need only to wait for the times to catch up with them. They are not likely to change their opinion, but the winds of change blow in their favor and they may be surprised to find former adversaries swinging around to their point of view.

Sun in Capricorn / Mercury in Aquarius

If the Sun is in Capricorn and Mercury is in Aquarius, the personality is sufficiently well grounded to translate ideas into effective action. The temperament will be more scientific than artistic, and lucidity of expression

will be preferred to the cultivation of a distinctively personal style. Such people are capable of presenting age-old truths in an up-to-date manner, rendering them more applicable to the contemporary scene.

Sun in Aquarius / Mercury in Aquarius

If the Sun and Mercury are both in Aquarius, the mind seeks new, more effective channels of expression. These people are thinkers, inventors, and innovators. Often they are drawn to aviation or to the theoretical sciences. Their intellects are bright and unclouded by emotion (unless other aspects interfere), and they can think rationally about controversial issues.

While considerable originality is likely, stubbornness and often perversity are present and under extreme circumstances it can be hard for the individual to accept that they are being difficult.

This group is usually at the forefront of its generation, but as individuals get older they can be reluctant to reassess opinions, so tend to fall behind the times. There is great objectivity, personal detachment, friendliness and helpfulness, but Aquarian unpredictability will be spiced with unexpected statements and opinions.

Flexibility of mind must be developed.

Sun in Pisces / Mercury in Aquarius

When the Sun is in Pisces and Mercury is in Aquarius, the temperament is more artistically than scientifically inclined. This is a fine position for a performer who communicates to a large audience via radio or television. These sensitive souls are convinced that they are different from others and are prone to feel misunderstood. They are acutely responsive to the ideas and impressions that assail their minds.

Piscean emotions will be countered by the ability to think objectively. They can be detached from their feelings, so are not usually overwhelmed by them.

Piscean sympathy and kindness blend well with the humanitarian element of Mercury in Aquarius - help is given because it is seen to be needed, as well as because they are moved by a surge of emotion. The imagination is good and can be used originally and creatively, but Piscean self-confidence may need boosting if the most is to be made of this potential. Again, Mercury will help, since it enables Pisces to think positively.

<u>Mercury in Pisces</u>

***Keynote*: The mind is impressionable and intuitive.**

***Symbol*: A child listens to the sound of the sea in a shell.**

Although Mercury is in detriment in Pisces, this position does not impair intelligence. It merely suggests that the mind resists the rule of pure logic and refuses to be pinned down to hard facts. There are, on the other hand, soft facts pertaining to the realms of instinct and intuition which are no less significant realities in the scheme of existence.

Mercury is also in its fall in this sign, showing that ultimately criticism and analysis must be dissolved in compassion, thereby making love rather than intellect the guiding principle of life. The attitude characteristic of this placement is expressed in the following anonymous quatrain:

Reason has moons, but moons not hers
Lie mirrored on the sea,
Confounding her astronomers,
But oh, delighting me.

Whimsical and poetic, Mercurial Pisceans are likely to succeed in fields which allow them to make use of their creative imagination and love of fantasy. Sometimes they are aware of circumstances and events without knowing how or why. Ideas filter through the pores of their minds, coming unbidden for obscure reasons. Pisceans may also have psychic or mediumistic talents.

Members of this sign are well suited to be writers, musicians, actors, or entertainers. Because of their mental permeability, they excel in any capacity in which the mind serves as a sounding board for the transmission of subtle impulses and impressions. Literally, their conduct depends upon the quality of the energies they conduct through their sensitive nervous systems. Often they appear to be absentminded and indecisive simply because they are functioning as instruments for, rather than originators of, the thoughts that waft them hither and yon.

If the Sun is in Aquarius and Mercury is in Pisces, vision and imagination can be turned to widescale humanitarian enterprises. These people, although basically rational, may have unusual ideas which are in advance of conventional modes of thinking, and they are fascinated by the unsolved mysteries of science and what they may imply.

When the Sun and Mercury are both in Pisces, the mind is more inspired, but it is also edged with a certain flightiness unless the ability to concentrate is shown elsewhere in the chart. These susceptible souls often suffer emotionally as a result of their thin-skinned impressionability. Frequently misunderstood, they may withdraw into themselves and become reclusive. Yet they are generally kind, helpful, and eager to be of assistance to people in trouble. They need protection because, due to their willingness to listen to any tale of woe, they are easily duped.

The Sun in Aries and Mercury in Pisces endow a person with less vulnerability to deception and a more positive disposition. They are better adapted to translate intuitive ideas into action and to give overt expression to the impulses which arise out of the unconscious.

According to tradition, Pisces is the sign of illusion and limitation. These two concepts go together because most of man's limitations stem from his illusions. Reality knows no bounds; it is only the world of phenomenal appearances which is hemmed in by limitations. The only reason these illusions have so much potency is because they have some connection, however tenuous, with the reality they veil.

Metaphysically, the significance of the astrological dictum that Mercury is in its detriment and also in its fall in Pisces, lies in the fact that the spiritually evolved person can begin to transcend the ratiocinations of the concrete mind and start to function on the plane of pure reason and intuition. They grasp the implications of the ancient Oriental maxim, "The mind is the slayer of the real," and its corollary, "Slay thou the slayer."
Throughout the zodiac, the mind has functioned as a bridge to reality. Once traversed, however, this bridge can be left behind. The Piscean appreciates the need for logic just as a traveler is grateful for the bridge which spans a river, but they have no need to pick the bridge up and carry it along with them after it has served its purpose.
They are now ready to ascend into the highlands of consciousness from which the light of the spirit may be more directly apprehended. They cease to need intermediaries because they become the thing they seek. Love was the means and love the goal, and now the two are one.

Sun in Aquarius / Mercury in Pisces
The rather brittle Aquarian traits are softened and the humanitarian qualities of Pisces are warmed and sympathetically expressed. The creative and very original imagination must find specific areas of expression, perhaps through some unusual, off-beat hobby or career. There is much more flexibility of mind and opinion, and usually the emotional level is greatly heightened, perhaps with less ability to be detached from the feelings. Aquarian perversity and unpredictability are less evident, since Mercury in Pisces contributes considerable sensitivity towards other people's feelings.

Sun in Pisces / Mercury in Pisces
The subject may become rather scatter-brained, surrounded by confusion and muddle. However, here is also great kindness and sympathy, and a wonderful imagination which must be channeled and constructively used. When under stress, there may be a tendency to deceive the self and others by falling back on negative escapism. Parents whose children have this placing must gently but very firmly encourage truthfulness. Any indication of creative potential should be encouraged, as self-expression though the arts (especially photography) is desirable.

Sun in Aries / Mercury in Pisces
Here Arian assertiveness is softened, and selfishness is less likely to be a problem (but consider the Venus sign in this respect). Arian decisiveness will not be quite so strong and forgetfulness, especially over small matters, can cause great annoyance to the active energetic Arian. This is most likely when one is being unduly hasty. The increased intuition of the placing is a help, particularly when assessing competitors' actions and reactions to situations.

The emotional level of Aries is increased, but the subject is less likely to be easily aroused by anger.

VENUS through the Signs

Venus in Aries

***Keynote*: Affections are expressed strongly and vivaciously.**

***Symbol*: A band of teenage girls pursues a popular singer.**

Venus in Aries will act to attract. This combination is more intense than tender, more sensual than sympathetic, and more outgoing than retiring. It may make a person the life of the party, but what happens after the party is over and the excitement dies down is another question. They may then be at loose ends until the action quickens in response to a new stimulus.

Feminine Venus is in detriment in Aries, for here she finds herself in the position of being a woman in a man's world. (Mars and Venus are in detriment in each other's signs.) Venus is ill at ease in Aries because as significator of the power of attraction, she cannot find enough stable substance to build into enduring forms. Aries scatters matter while Venus rearranges and combines. The result of their blending may be a subtle frustration that causes an individual to compensate for insecurity by grasping for pleasures of the senses.

Aries is the pioneer, and pioneering is hard on women. Too often the civilizing endeavor to break new ground reverts to a primitive struggle against the elements. Aries also denotes the military life and, by the same token, women suffer most from the depredations of war. Footloose Aries moves on leaving little leisure for the love, laughter, parties, and pleasures of Venus. There simply is not time enough to accumulate the resources which foster civilized amenities.

Wherever Venus and Mars meet, some of the softness is rubbed off Venus and onto Mars. Sex becomes an issue, and frequently the libidinal drive is physically and emotionally intense. Under affliction, the Mars-Venus alliance can operate in unusual or abnormal ways because of the difficulty each planet encounters in expressing its nature through the sign of the other. Since Aries is relatively simple and straightforward, Venus in this sign may be overly ardent but it is seldom perverse.

The combination inclines to love affairs without benefit of marriage. This state may be gratifying to Mars-ruled Aries but it is often less beneficial for Venus, a symbol of the woman who craves the stability of home and children. Thus, people with this placement enjoy amorous interludes but their more tender sensibilities suffer from hasty and impassioned behavior.

Sometimes this placement hastens marriage and then causes impatience over resultant restrictions. Often an inner dissatisfaction is caused either by

love without security or by security attained at the cost of freedom. Other aspects in the chart will show the extent to which this conflict can be resolved. The creations of esthetically inclined Venusian Arians are likely to have erotic overtones and to depend largely on enthusiasm, the inspiration of the moment, and the elan of youth. In matters of the heart, the flame of romance is kept burning by the same charming impulsiveness, but it can be too inconsistent for enduring affection.

These people enjoy excitement and have a penchant for starting new love affairs before the embers of the old one have grown cold. However, the joy is in the adventure and, although their passions are intense, they can burn out rapidly.

Venusian Arians may be in love with love and, in consequence, suffer the wear and tear of the search for ever-renewed sensations until they realize that even continual gratification does not guarantee real satisfaction. They need to cultivate inner peace by looking beyond the glamour of the chase to the serenity of an abiding love.

This individual is passionate, falling in love quickly, and will be demonstrative of their affections. Sexual fulfillment is of above-average importance, and an uncooperative partner will not be tolerated.

Although an element of Arian selfishness may well cause problems occasionally, the Venus in Aries individual will be generous to a loved one, making sure there are many occasions of mutual enjoyment. This person is likely to be a lively friend and energetic colleague.

The attitude to money is extremely enterprising, but a risk-taking element can cause financial losses. Often, there is an enjoyable second source of income, but money can still slip through the fingers.

Sun in Aquarius / Venus in Aries

This adds warmth and passion to the cool detachment of the Aquarian Sun. There will be powerful emotional relationships, but sometimes conflict can arise when the subject has to decide whether to deepen one of these through cohabitation, and there may be a delay in making an emotional commitment.

Independence is most important, as is the Aquarian lifestyle; there will be an active social life and many like-minded friends. There is an erratic attitude to money, with a liking for unusual possessions.

Sun in Pisces / Venus in Aries

The sensitive watery emotion of Pisces combined with the fiery passion of Aries makes one an ardent but caring and tender lover. At times the individual will be confused by their own emotional intensity, and apprehension and a lack of self-confidence (Pisces) may clash with a desire for the loved one (Venus in Aries). Nonetheless, the striving for a rewarding relationship is important, as are friends with shared interests.

Money will be enjoyed, so saving may well be difficult. The subject may find that impulsive generosity could cause problems.

Sun in Aries / Venus in Aries
Here is a very passionate and enthusiastic partner who needs to maintain independence within a permanent relationship. Although selfish at times, they will be generous to loved ones, wanting them to enjoy the relationship.
Money is often made from sidelines as well as a main source, and investment will be enjoyed. Impulse buying can lead to cash flow problems.
Rivalry can occur in friendship, with the individual needing to take the lead.

Sun in Taurus / Venus in Aries
The passions are very powerful, and while one may make an excellent, sensual lover, the emotional level is so high that storms may well arise. At such times possessiveness (Taurus) and selfishness (Venus in Aries) can cause serious problems, but the highs will be marvelously romantic as well as fulfilling. Over-emotional reactions can sometimes also cause difficulties with friends.
In money matters, they are clever, but a liking for luxury may diminish resources.

Sun in Gemini / Venus in Aries
The Geminian mistrust of emotion can cause problems with this passionate placing, but there will be good rapport and friendship, and sexual fulfillment once the tendency to rationalize is overcome.
This is a lively friend with many varied interests, wanting to do a great deal and travel widely.
Spendthrift tendencies must be countered.

Venus in Taurus
***Keynote*: Beauty is sustained by bountiful resources.**
***Symbol*: The goddess of nature clothes the land with springtime green.**
Venus in Taurus, which it 'rules', is like a woman who owns her own home and has the means and taste to furnish it sumptuously. The goddess of beauty is felicitously domiciled in this sign whose material resources supply the wherewithal for her to make the most of her natural endowments.
A basic affinity between the planet of attraction and the sign of possessions generally proves fortunate in matters relating to love and security.
They are loving, warm and affectionate and make a sensual and romantic partner, but Taurean possessiveness may incline the individual to think of the loved one as another much-cherished belonging.
Material possessions may be extremely important, since they contribute a measure of security and stability.

There will be much hard work to achieve luxury and comfort, but if it is possible to make money easily, they will be keen to do so, since a liking for relaxation is common.
Often there is a talent for, and appreciation of, music, combined with a general love of beauty, art and good living. There is particularly an appreciation for good food.
People with Venus in Taurus are inclined to marry for money, since they find it so much easier to be affectionate in a comfortable environment.
They have an instinct for art and enjoy good companionship and the leisurely pursuit of pleasure. They blossom when they have the wealth to live luxuriously but, even when not highly endowed have an amiable manner that spreads warmth and cheer wherever they go.
They revel in being materially generous, but are quite capable of giving comfort to others merely by being sympathetic and encouraging.
The combination of planet and sign imparts the desire to create pleasing effects in fresh, wholesome, and enjoyable ways. Such people may be connoisseurs but they are seldom dilettantes and will work assiduously to cultivate their own gardens, both literally and figuratively. They want to enjoy the best of everything and feel that it is their natural right to do so.
Women born with Venus in Taurus have an artless and ingenuous kind of sex appeal, but they also attract men through a willingness to appreciate masculine qualities. Consequently they are almost sure to marry.
Taureans feel instinctively that nature will supply their needs if sufficient use can be made of the goods which have already been provided. Even when strictly budget bound, they can generate a psychological sense of abundance that magnetically attracts the sustenance required.
People with the Venus/Tauarus combination are usually natural and spontaneous in their mode of living, even when they have a background of wealth. They replenish themselves by staying close to the good earth - whether by farming, camping, hiking, or beautifying their homes and yards. Often they keep pets, raise flowers, and like to eat outdoors.
Both Venus and Taurus are associated with money and art. While people with these influences prominent in their natal charts may ambitiously struggle for financial security and success, they are also likely to seek personal fulfillment through artistic endeavors. They crave the satisfaction of contributing something to the world that enriches their environment as well as the gratification of consuming that which has already been given.

Sun in Pisces / Venus in Taurus

This adds stability, and is a good counter to Piscean elusiveness. The emotions are steady and tempered with common sense and fiscal ability. A practical approach both to love and financial matters is often present, and the placing will add to the creative flair of Pisces, helping to give it concrete form.

As a friend, they are more reliable than most Sun sign Pisceans, but an element of possessiveness may emerge within relationships.

Sun in Aries / Venus in Taurus
This will increase the affection and add passion. They approach love affairs with surprising caution, but must realize that selfishness and possessiveness can cause more damage than might be imagined.
Enthusiasm and prudence should be combined to get the best of this placing, both emotionally and materially. They are an excellent friend and good company, with an infectious enjoyment of life.
Financial enterprise is combined with care.

Sun in Taurus / Venus in Taurus
The Taurean characteristics are very prominent and could outweigh the power of the Ascendant. Love and the attitude towards money and its making are as described under Venus in Taurus, with all Sun sign characteristics complementing, enhancing or exaggerating those of Venus in Taurus.
The metabolism could be slow and Taurean ailments may be present. The weight should be strictly controlled by restricting the intake of rich food.
Financial and emotional security is of vital importance.

Sun in Gemini / Venus in Taurus
This increases the Gemini emotional level, but can cause problems, since one must learn to express their emotions and not over-rationalize them.
They must try hard to counter any possessive tendencies.
They are a lively, talkative friend who will enjoy organizing events. Quick Gemini wit will complement the Taurean business ability.

Sun in Cancer / Venus in Taurus
There is marvelous potential for being a caring, sensitive and extremely sensual lover. However, the Cancerian tendency to cherish and protect, combined with a Taurean leaning toward possessiveness, can create highly claustrophobic conditions within a relationship and have an adverse effect on family life.
This is a friend who is faithful but easily offended.
Business potential is superb, with Cancerian shrewdness adding to Venusian flair.

<u>Venus in Gemini</u>
***Keynote*: Affections are changeable but charmingly expressed.**
***Symbol*: Merrymakers at a dance switch partners.**
Venus in Gemini refines the mind making it imaginative and poetical. There is a fey quality to the temperament so that beneath a show of gregariousness an indefinable elusiveness defies the intimacy it seems to invite.

This individual may be fickle and evasive but generally no harm is meant by their flirtations. They do not want to be pinned down to one type of work or one set of ideas. The sensuous side of Venus is not completely in harmony with Gemini's breezy intellectuality.
Venus/Gemini may enjoy the fun and excitement of romance, but fear its attendant obligations. In their social life they seek clever, witty companions who keep them amused without expecting serious commitments.
Although friendly, this person can shrink from becoming entangled in the personal problems of others. As a thinker, they can become so titillated by ideas that they would rather not be distracted by the unruly emotions of love.
The sentiments of the Venusian Geminian are easily aroused – but they have a disconcerting way of changing without warning. They are capable of becoming amorous with more than one person at a time. Erotic cravings exist largely in the mind and may never really be satisfied, since any flesh and blood person is bound to fall short of the ideal.
The greatest drawback of this placing is that one may not be aware of the true nature of their desires. The resulting irresolution can lead to an unintentional wounding of the feelings of those who have put their faith in them, and to a consequent withdrawal from responsibilities.
The sharing of joint interests is vital if a relationship is to be enjoyed and therefore sustained, as is a stimulating partner who will present welcome challenges - both intellectually and sexually. Many of the qualities expressed towards the lover will be evident in ties of friendship too, and this positive, enthusiastic individual will do much to encourage friends to share these traits.
There is a flair for moneymaking and a knack for finding, and striking, bargains.

Sun in Aries / Venus in Gemini

The ardent passion of Aries is tempered with light-hearted affection and an attractive expression of feelings. Infidelity and trying to get the best of both worlds is common, often hurting the permanent partner. Arian selfishness and a quick response to tricky situations will be seen when the individual is challenged.
Partners with good minds as well as bodies are essential. Intellectual competitiveness is welcome within friendships. Arian financial enterprise is increased here, sometimes giving the ability to sell well.

Sun in Taurus / Venus in Gemini

The love, passion, intensity and natural charm of Taurus are enhanced. As Venus rules this sign the whole personality will be lightened, possessive tendencies reduced, and the overall Taurean slowness corrected, both intellectually and physically.

This is a friend who enjoys intelligent conversation and good living. The need for possessions as material security will be tempered. Alertness and quick thinking in business will be an advantage.

Sun in Gemini / Venus in Gemini
The powerful influence of Venus in Gemini will be very apparent, and any tendency to over-rationalize the emotions should be countered as it can cause inhibition. The emotional level must be assessed in relation to other areas of the chart, especially the Ascendant and the Moon sign and their aspects.
There should be a talent for making money.

Sun in Cancer / Venus in Gemini
This adds a much-needed rational streak to the sometimes overwhelming Cancerian emotion, and steadies the tendency to worry unduly about loved ones. When choosing a partner intellectual rapport and friendship are essential, as is mental stimulus.
Views will be freely and even sharply expressed but Cancerian faithfulness will still be evident.
Shrewdness will be shown in business deals.

Sun in Leo / Venus in Gemini
Enthusiasm and the need for love and affection are spiced with flirtatiousness, while friendship and a progressive relationship are essential.
There is a good blend of well-expressed emotion and a rational approach to joint problems. The partner must be able to enjoy life and be generous both emotionally and financially. Bossiness should be countered, especially towards friends.
Extravagance and a clever financial flair are usually complementary.

Venus in Cancer
***Keynote*: Affections are maternal and sympathetic.**
***Symbol*: A woman decorates a cake with pink sugar roses.**
Feminine Venus fares well in Moon-ruled Cancer because both are concerned with the processes of reproduction and growth. People born with this placement are sentimental and affectionate with strong family ties, especially to the mother. Money and property are likely to come from the maternal side of the family.
Both the strength and weaknesses of Venus in Cancer are those associated with the female of the species. Negatively, the combination may mean a predisposition toward possessiveness, susceptibility to flattery, shyness, and excessive emotionalism. It gives a tendency to stay in one place and wait for good fortune to arrive rather than to actively pursue coveted objects and objectives.

Positively, the desire to be desirable inspires cultivation of the virtues of charity and kindheartedness. Venusian Cancerians want to be petted, cherished, and admired for their good qualities. They may long for peace and quiet in the home sphere where they make a loyal contented partner. It's likely they are a competent cook and excel in the domestic arts.
The passivity of Cancer tends to soften the emotional nature of the person born with Venus in this sign. It can be hard for these gentle souls to resist the advances of aggressive personalities. Being inclined to over-generosity in the bestowal of their affections, they need protection from their own tender instincts, for they can allow loved ones to take advantage of the willingness to oblige. The effect of earthy Venus dissolving into the waters of Cancer can be too sweetly sensuous to be altogether safe in this predatory world. Strong discipline is needed to counteract a love of comfort which can degenerate into a sybaritic craving for luxury.
Both sexes are attracted to art, music, and literature, especially of a fanciful or exotic genre. Beauty is not a luxury but a necessity in life, and their appetite for pleasing sights and sounds can be more insistent than physical hunger. They prefer creations which are imaginative, soft in outline, muted in tone, and which permit one to indulge their nostalgia for a bygone era of gracious living and lavish loving.
People with a strong Moon/Venus accent in their natal charts are popular and often beloved. They tend to be regarded kindly by all who are drawn within their aura of charm, grace and personal magnetism.
Seldom emotionally assertive, they have no need to be obtrusive, since their sympathetic nature enables them to gain the best of everything, or to make the best of that which has been given.

Sun in Taurus / Venus in Cancer
Passion and sensuality are heightened, with love and affection actively shown. Possessiveness may mar the relationship. The emotional level is extremely high and there may be storms and scenes at times.
One must learn not to cling to loved ones after a relationship has ended.
Look for logic in other areas of the chart - the position of Mercury, perhaps. This is an affectionate but possibly demanding friend. Financial ability and an excellent business sense are likely.

Sun in Gemini / Venus in Cancer
This heightens the level of Geminian emotion and, provided one doesn't over-rationalize the feelings, these will be marvelously and romantically expressed, showing kindness and a cherishing quality.
The sex life must be lively and stimulating. This individual is considerate and a good communicator both with friends and loved ones.
Financial security can be gained from collecting old or unusual artifacts.

Sun in Cancer / Venus in Cancer
The emotional force and expression of love are very powerful, but the inclination to worry over the partner and family is immense, and the Cancerian capacity for caring may also get out of hand with friends.
Here the qualities are very much as for Venus in Cancer. Shrewdness in business matters is a strong asset.

Sun in Leo / Venus in Cancer
The emotional level is very high, and one needs a partner to look up to and admire, otherwise there will be a tendency to dominate with a Leo bossiness that can be extremely harmful.
Leo sensitivity is greatly increased; this individual may suffer more than seems possible.
There will be a great appreciation of quality and the beautiful things in life, with a lot of money spent on them. Comfort, security and quality are important.
The sex life will be rich, rewarding and imaginatively expressed.
Here is a caring friend with excellent organizing ability.

Sun in Virgo / Venus in Cancer
Although there will be considerable emotional resources, there may be shyness and reserve in expressing the feelings. The imagination will be rich, but worry over the loved one's reactions can be inhibiting, especially in young people. There may be a tendency to criticize the partner or be very moody.
The household chores or hobbies can be used as an excuse for failing to enjoy the intimacies of a relationship. A clever business sense is likely, but sometimes meanness is present.

Venus in Leo
***Keynote*: Affections are generous, heartfelt, and nobly expressed.**
***Symbol*: Luxurious presents are elegantly wrapped.**
Venus in Leo imparts a desire for self-expression in graceful and artistic ways. The Venusian instinct for beauty finds a congenial outlet in Leo, sign of personal creativity. People endowed with this combination are often tastemakers who set standards of fashion and beauty. Somehow they manage to be unique without losing the magic touch which makes their innovations acceptable to others. They entertain in the grand manner and their parties are generally given in honor of some important person. When successful in their endeavors, they gain the lion’s share of attention and bask happily in the admiration of their subjects.
Venusian Leonions are often in love with love. These naturally warm-hearted and fun-loving people crave the excitement of pleasure, gaiety, and romance and want their lives to be significant and dramatic. Yet they can be sincere

and fixed in their loyalties, generous to an extreme, and insistent on sharing their good fortune with others.
When these individuals feel that their largesse is unappreciated, difficulties arise. They may be aggrieved to find the objects of their charity less grateful than they should be, and can sulk childishly if a birthday or anniversary is forgotten. Their innate optimism causes them to expect too much and then, when their faith is betrayed they succumb to disillusionment and despair. Their romantic expectations are especially idealistic and they are woefully disheartened when their beloved fails to live up to their hopes and proves to possess ordinary human foibles.
The Leonion is a natural show person who can vividly dramatize their emotions. The stage or the lecture platform affords them an opportunity to demonstrate their talents but, since they must do everything in a large way, they consider the whole world to be their stage. Venus gathers inward, while Leo is basically outgoing. This extroversion of the desire to attract can engender a self-conscious concern for what people think. Leo wants everyone to believe they have a first-rate pesonality, and often this is true even when they resort to bombast. They know how to speak and act in an attention-provoking manner and are keenly aware of the impression their performance is producing on others.
The danger in such tactics lies in being affected rather than effective. The Venus/Leo person needs to beware of becoming so preoccupied with appearances that they forget what is inside the package they are selling. They may be the best-dressed, most vivacious members of their social circle, but these accomplishments bring little satisfaction if their deeper sense of identity is sacrificed for the sake of putting on a good front. However, when the estheticism of Venus refines the creative zeal of Leo, this individual may radiate a beauty of soul which attracts all that is needed or desired through the irresistible power of love.

Sun in Gemini / Venus in Leo
Emotion is heightened, with the subject aiming for a fulfilling and rewarding relationship. He or she may be boastful towards, and about, the partner. Generous, with a sense of occasion and a need for sexual and social variety, this is a fun loving, if not always faithful, partner.
Leo loyalty, however, will help counter Geminian duality. Here is a rewarding and lively friend.
Extravagance and impulse buying can cause financial problems.

Sun in Cancer / Venus in Leo
In this placing an extrovert exuberance is added to the Cancerian expression and emotional needs.
Constancy and loyalty are important, but Cancerian moodiness and snappiness may combine with Leo bossiness and must be controlled if the

individual is to relax and enjoy this sphere of life. Nevertheless, this is a caring and warm- hearted friend.
Special collections, maybe of silver, are good investments.

Sun in Leo / Venus in Leo
If an over-extravagant expression of emotion can be controlled so that dramatic scenes do not cause problems, here is someone who will look up to and admire a partner, giving much encouragement and support. If bossiness can be exchanged for diplomacy and tact, partnerships should be rewarding.
There is usually no lack of sexual enthusiasm. Money will be spent to enhance the quality of life.

Sun in Virgo / Venus in Leo
This placing bolsters the self-confidence of the rather shy Virgoan. The tendency to be over-talkative when nervous should be controlled. Natural Virgoan modesty can easily clash with Venus in Leo showiness, both sexually and image-wise.
This is a lively friend who will want to organize occasions for everyone's benefit. Occasional extravagances should be enjoyed rather than viewed as reasons for guilt.

Sun in Libra / Venus in Leo
Venus rules Libra, so there will be some Leonine traits, and the influence of Venus will be strong. Generosity is usual, and if love and affection are lacking there may be a tendency to try to buy them with elaborate presents. At your best, the individual is romantic with a love of good living, and will give much to a partner both through warm-hearted affection and sex.
This is a considerate and sympathetic friend. Although extravagant, money is usually managed quite well.

Venus in Virgo
***Keynote:* Affections are discriminating and restrained.**
***Symbols:* A woman weeds a flower box.**
Venus, planet of love, is in its fall in chaste Virgo. One thing romance can do without is rational analysis. The piercing accuracy of Virgo’s critical barbs, and Cupid’s frequently misplaced darts, serve fundamentally different purposes.
Intellectual development does not necessarily make the mind more receptive to beauty. Virgoan labor may produce tangible results but it does not guarantee the emergence of fresh insight. It accumulates and classifies separate items, forgetting that charm and spontaneity require more than fastidious attention to detail.
Since both planet and sign are associated with the element earth, they can combine to show a love nature that expresses itself in practical,

unsentimental ways. Venus refines and Virgo reforms, so that once settled with a satisfactory partner one will likely endeavor to make the best of an existing situation rather than look to greener pastures. Venusian Virgoans can be as sensitive as flowers and still bare sharp thorns which wound those who venture too close. They spot imperfections so easily that it is hard for them to refrain from pinpointing the cause of trouble. Their blind spot may lie in the failure to realize that criticism may only aggravate deficiencies.

It is possible that they will be extremely generous materially, and will work unstintingly for those with whom they identify, only to subvert their good works by being spiritually stingy.

Tolerance and the ability to accept as well as bestow favors are as important to the development of the soul as the willingness to perform the labors of love.

People with Venus in Virgo are often anxiously concerned about their reputations, since they fear that their own critical thoughts will be reciprocated. They also have a strong desire to be considered perfect.

Undeveloped types who have difficulty feeling genuine affection tend to overcompensate with an exaggerated show of concern, especially in matters of health and physical well-being. They can behave in an apparently emotional fashion while their hearts remain untouched.

Many are unaware of having psychological problems themselves, but wonder what can be the matter with everyone else.

The way out of this dilemma is the way of humility and purification through selfless service. A love for all that is pure, clean, and chaste can turn the mind from petty carping over details into a sphere of supreme usefulness.

Venus in Virgo produces homemakers, teachers, and medical specialists who are kind and solicitous in an impersonal way. The emotional side of their nature can be turned into intellectual channels to become an asset in their work.

Almost invariably, they encounter obstacles in the expression of their affections, but the need for renunciation in one area of their lives develops the strength of character which ultimately leads to greater service.

Sun in Libra / Venus in Virgo

This may not be an easy combination, for Libra needs love and harmony while Virgo will tend to be shy of expressing feelings and responding to love. As Venus rules Libra, there will be a powerful element of Virgo.

They are a lively, talkative, although indecisive, friend.

Financial affairs are approached in a practical way.

Sun in Cancer / Venus in Virgo

The Cancerian tendency to worry will be directed toward the partner, and they may find it a little difficult to express feelings as freely as is desired.

Cancerian moodiness and the critical tendencies of Venus in Virgo should be recognized, and one must learn to relax into relationships and derive real pleasure from them, especially as Cancerians have so much to give in this sphere of life.
This is a kind, if somewhat critical, friend.
Reluctance to part with money is a common characteristic.

Sun in Leo / Venus in Virgo
Leo emotions and exuberance are toned down and occasionally aloofness can mask sexual inhibition. Leo bossiness and Virgoan critical tendencies can cause problems, so must be consciously recognized and controlled.
There are usually good powers of communication within relationships, and aiming to use these positively will be rewarding. Shared interests and work projects are particularly stimulating.
They make a lively and rewarding friend.
Flair for investment is common, but the modest needs of Virgo will clash with Leonine extravagance.

Sun in Virgo / Venus in Virgo
Self-confidence, especially related to sexual appeal, is not strong. Virgoan modesty will present a charming challenge to prospective lovers, but one should learn to break down any barriers that may come between the self and fulfillment in all aspects of relationships.
Money will be spent with some degree of caution.

Sun in Libra / Venus in Virgo
This is not an easy combination, for Libra needs love and harmony while Virgo will tend to be shy of expressing feelings and responding to love. As Venus rules Libra, there will be a powerful element of Virgo present.
They can be a lively, talkative, albeit indecisive, friend.
Financial affairs are approached in a practical way.

Sun in Scorpio / Venus in Virgo
This powerful but tricky combination can make one obsessive about sex. Conversely, there may be a clinical attitude, or a feeling that sex is dirty and undesirable. Much will depend on how the Scorpio Sun is aspected, and on the Moon, Ascendant and Mars signs.
At its best, this placing makes for an energetic friend and thoughtful partner.
Financial flair is considerable.

Venus in Libra
***Keynote*: An appreciation of social amenities inspires convivial behavior.**

***Symbol*: A beautifully gowned hostess at a charity ball introduces guests.**

Since Venus rules Libra, the individual born with this placement is generally endowed with a graceful appearance and manner. This combination can bestow a mesmeric magnetism which attracts the support needed for the furtherance of personal desires. The simple earthiness of the Taurean Venus gives way to more sophisticated stratagems for cultivating the approbation of the arbiters of the social hierarchy of tastemakers and trendsetters.

Venus in Taurus is wholesomely and naturally winsome, but Venus in Libra will not hesitate to employ an array of ingeniously contrived artifices and bewildering beguilements to arouse the emotions of those they wish to draw to their side. Because these cravings may be more psychological than physical, they can be deliberately manipulated through the production of spellbinding effects.

Bored and restless people are forever seeking more alluring novelties, and Venus in Libra is equal to the challenge of devising new enchantments to entice jaded senses and captivate the mind. This power to play on human desires finds a commercial outlet in businesses connected with advertising, cosmetics, and the packaging of commodities – especially when the product promises a subtle form of sorcery, a magic elixir or a pat formula for social approval guaranteed to work in spite on oneself. To many members of the sign, the greatest aphrodisiac is simply being wanted.

The abstract ideal of right relationships sometimes seems to count for more in the Libran mind than the concrete needs of individuals.

The Venusian Libran's approach to love is romantic but not necessarily steadfast, since so much depends on the ability of the partner to conform to a mentalized ideal of beauty and proper conduct. There may be a preoccupation with etiquette, as though love were an elaborate ritual to be conducted in a prescribed manner.

Since the typical Libran tends to be at the mercy of the mood of the moment, and because they mistrust their own variability, they feel a need to formalize their alliances with ceremonies and legal contracts which give a reassuring sense of continuity. Their desire for permanency reflects the stabilizing influence of Saturn's exaltation in Libra.

The presence of Venus on this nuptial sign makes marriage a virtual necessity for personal fulfillment. At the least, there should be no dearth of romantic alliances. Partnerships are likely to bring money and there is more than a touch of luck where finances are concerned. Under affliction, however, this same airy Venus can indicate a hedonistic approach to matters of the heart. The emotions are erotically sensitized so that one may be intoxicated by the subtle perfume of love without seeing the beloved as he or she actually is.

An inborn sense of proportion makes Venus in Libra an esthetically sensitive combination. Clean, classic lines and plain but sumptuous colors are

preferred to the flamboyant styles and whimsical patterns put forth by fashions perennial jesters. Women of this type often maintain the standards of simple elegance to which fashion inevitably reverts when the novelty of the latest fad has spent itself. Charm and poise are their real ornaments. Libran men expect their ladies to be impeccably garbed and displayed like jewels in an appropriate setting. Thus, satisfactions of the senses are distilled into pleasures of the mind, creating a harmony of body and spirit.
Libra is the second sign ruled by Venus, the influence of which is increased when placed in this sign. The attitude to love is romantic, affectionate and idealistic. One may even fall in love with love. Here is someone with such a strong need for a loving relationship that potential may not be fully developed when alone.
There is much kindness, sympathy and understanding, with time spent listening to the problems of others and lending moral support. Tact and diplomacy are usual, as is a great love of beauty and a comfortable (sometimes luxurious) lifestyle. Rich food eaten in congenial surroundings can make life worthwhile for someone with this placing.
Negatively, there may be resentment, indecision and sybaritism (if laziness is shown elsewhere in the chart). Money will be spent openly and freely, but may be used to buy affection.

Sun in Leo / Venus in Libra
This placing may tend to make one rather laidback. Leonine generosity is increased, and there will be a tendency to put the loved one on a pedestal, increasing the possibility of hurt should the partner fail to measure up to the exacting standards required.
The pleasures of the good life will be important and enjoyed, and creative flair may be shown in design or music. As a friend, you will make quite sure that every event is an occasion.
A great deal of money must be earned, so that it can be spent!

Sun in Virgo / Venus in Libra
This placing often helps the shy, not so self-confident Virgoan to relax and enjoy love relationships and other luxuries. It will also ease the harsher, more critical side of Virgo.
There is often flair for creative handiwork such as woodcarving or dressmaking, and all such potential must be fully developed.
Here is a helpful, sympathetic friend who will enjoy doing good turns for others. They will want to work hard for every penny earned, but will not be averse to enjoying the pleasures that extra money can bring.

Sun in Libra / Venus in Libra

The influence of Venus is very strong in this placing. This placing will considerably strengthen all the attributes of Libra, especially if the Sun and Venus are in conjunction.
Money may be extravagantly spent.

Sun in Scorpio / Venus in Libra
This adds a colorful, romantic side to the intense passion of Scorpio, increasing sympathy and understanding of partners and encouraging the warm expression of feeling.
The liking for comfort and luxury is enhanced, but the resentfulness of this placing can combine with Scorpio jealousy and must be controlled.
Here is a good friend, but one who may become suspicious.
Generosity and financial flair will be present.

Sun in Sagittarius / Venus in Libra
This gives a sense of u relationship as much as the chase. (Not always the case for people with this Sun sign!) The power of Venus will help to quell Sagittarian restlessness and encourage a philosophical outlook.
Financial security is of above-average importance, since creature comforts are sought more than is usual for most Sagittarians.

Venus in Scorpio
***Keynote*: Passionate feelings seek indirect modes of expression.**
***Symbol*: A femme fatale works as an undercover agent.**
The need for a rewarding, harmonious and loving relationship is intensified by the passion of Scorpio. It is possible that an element of resentfulness or an inability to forgive and forget can cause quite serious problems. A certain rivalry, not to mention occasional jealous scenes, may occur in friendship.
Even if Venus is the only planet in Scorpio, its energy will need a positive outlet, not only through sex and mutual affection, but also more aesthetic interests.
If Neptune shares Scorpio with Venus, romanticism can be disproportionate, as can negative escapism under stress.
Financially, this is an excellent placing, for security is important and there is usually a flair for investment and business, although spending is often considerable.
Venus in 'detriment' in Scorpio betrays it's weakest qualities. The Scorpionic preoccupation with sex brings out the seductiveness of the amorous goddess of love, and the emotions may be so susceptible that you may say along with Oscar Wilde, 'I can resist everything but temptation.'
The blending of this earth planet with a watery sign can, as in all earth-water combinations, produce a murky sensuality. Nevertheless, the wetness of the earth encourages plants to grow, and this position is not inimical to

accomplishment. It may stimulate creative endeavor in compensation for emotional lacks and frustrations.
Venus is in detriment in Scorpio because, metaphysically, this is the sign in which the soul is compelled to renounce its attachments to the senses. Scorpio's penetrating mind has undergone a vast disenchantment with the shallowness of the gossipy parties and frivolous indulgences of the worldly Venus. Socially conscious Venusian Scorpions are capable of deliberately turning their backs upon a life of ease and rededicating themselves to a cause requiring privation and personal sacrifice.
The emotion-swamped judgment of this combination promotes infatuations, clandestine love affairs, and misalliances. A suspicious and inquisitorial thread in the love-nature may produce outbursts of sexually motivated jealousy and cruelty.
Because of difficulty in expressing their affections, the subject may turn to religion or become exaggeratedly austere as a reaction against the impasse into which their desires have led them. Realizing the futility of striving after sensory satisfactions, they will eventually develop a new appreciation of the value of purity and self-control.

Sun in Virgo / Venus in Scorpio
A conflict can arise between Virgoan modesty and the sexual desires of Venus in Scorpio. While you may be extremely attractive sexually, you may not want to appear so!
If self-confidence and relaxation into sexual enjoyment can be developed, the influence of Venus will do much good for the possibly sexually inhibited Virgoan.
This is a wholehearted friend who may become overcritical at times. Money is managed well.

Sun in Libra / Venus in Scorpio
On the whole, Librans should gain much from this placing of the planet that rules their Sun sign. It will give them an air of romantic mystery, making the women inclined to be femmes’ fatales.
The increased sexuality of this combination weakens the otherwise wholly romantic Libran outlook on love, and adds an intensity and sense of purpose that can otherwise be lacking.
This is a friend who wants to enjoy all aspects of life, and will have the capacity to do so. They will make money and spend it . . .

Sun in Scorpio / Venus in Scorpio
The passion of Scorpio will have some very romantic overtones, which will add to one’s sexual attractiveness.
Scorpio jealousy will be increased, as will a tendency to become obsessive about the partner's every action.

Moneymaking acumen will be present.

Sun in Sagittarius / Venus in Scorpio
The lively, fiery passion of Sagittarius is increased, with the need for independence clashing somewhat with the Scorpionic intensity of feeling. They may feel pangs of jealousy from time to time and loathe them, doing everything possible to rationalize these difficult feelings. Awareness of the conflict will help to counter it.
The Sagittarian enjoyment of life will be enhanced; here is a friend who will be a marvelous host, full of suggestions for enjoyable experiences.
Financial risks will be taken, with mixed results.

Sun in Capricorn / Venus in Scorpio
The love life will be taken very seriously, and perhaps the subject will refuse to realize that they have some deep, intense and very powerful feelings. There will be loyalty once committed, but there can sometimes be a conflict between emotion and a practical approach to life, resulting in the delaying of commitment.
Friends will be put to the test in some way before being fully accepted.
Steady financial growth is important and will be achieved.

Venus in Sagittarius
***Keynote*: Affections are motivated by visionary considerations.**
***Symbol*: A couple wish upon a star.**
While considerable enthusiasm and lively emotions will be warmly expressed towards partners, the Sagittarian need for independence may make the individual loath to be too tied to one person. The duality present in this sign will be evident, and more than one relationship may be experienced at any given time. Certainly, love will be enjoyed, and the subject will make life rewarding and exhilarating for the partner, both in bed and out. In turn, the partner needs to respond well, not only sexually but also intellectually.
Eventually a philosophical, idealistic element will develop and have its effect on the partner, doing a great deal to instill a more meaningful expression. However, intellectual rapport and friendship, as well as the willingness to enjoy sex, are essential.
This is a lively friend who will make life fun. The attitude toward finance may be "Easy come, easy go", perhaps with the emphasis on "go"!
Venus in Sagittarius idealizes love, making it more of the mind than of the senses. Such devotion may not have great depths of passion but it sparkles like a star in the distant heavens, as though to say, ‘Fix your gaze on me and I will bring you all you desire’.
For those whose eyes are still directed earthward, this placement may be disappointing, as though Venus were a tease promising more than she can give. These individuals may try to compensate for personal inadequacies by

fickle or licentious behavior. Yet even their excesses express a yearning to transcend mundane limitations.
However, those capable of loving with their minds as well as their bodies find romance to be a magic carpet transporting them to a wonderful land of refined pleasures.
Sometimes this anticipatory approach to love produces a person who uses the affection of others as stepping-stones to success and social prestige. People who come from foreign lands or who are encountered on long journeys seem more intriguing and desirable than those met close to home. One way or another, love looks beyond the familiar and the ordinary to wider horizons.
Venus/Sagittarius people do not have a reputation for domesticity, for they are too freedom loving to remain content to expend the better part of a lifetime on the tedious job of establishing a home and raising a family. Their motto is ‘don’t fence me in’.
They have the best of intentions but need a long leash if they are to remain attentive. Often they prefer to lavish their concern upon some utopian enterprise which they cause to flourish and grow, rather then upon people who never quite live up to their expectations.
They make better friends then lovers, since they feel enriched by their friendships, whereas their love affairs are liable to degenerate into unwelcome entanglements.
In many ways Venus is uplifted by Sagittarius. The Jupiterian influence expands the affections and encourages devotion to socially sanctioned forms of philanthropy. This is an excellent placement for the individual who can express love as universal good will and reverence for life.
Without a sense of shared purpose, however, romance may seem of secondary importance, being dissipated by a series of rather meaningless flirtations or multiple ‘marriages’. Sometimes this person will seek unusual emotional outlets. Earth (Venus) and fire (Sagittarius) are too disparate to blend smoothly and, as a result, love and lust remain in separate compartments.
The Venusian Sagittarian feels that romance should not bind the spirit to a weary round of chores but that it should provide incentive for the cultivation of new and exciting interests. If they can enjoy a liaison which helps them to develop personally and which broadens their horizons, then they can be the most satisfactory of partners.

Sun in Libra / Venus in Sagittarius

The subject may not seem to care about love, but he or she needs just as much romance as others. This placing helps to rationalize the feelings, however, and the need for intellectual rapport and good friendship, as well as pure romance, is very healthy.

This combination is excellent for friendship, easing any Libran tendency to take too much from other people. Professional financial help is advisable.

Sun in Scorpio / Venus in Sagittarius
This influence lightens the steamy, rather heavy Scorpio attitude to love and sex, adding a need for intellectual rapport. Much will be expected of partners, but much will be contributed.
Scorpio jealousy can clash with the Sagittarian independence, and a resolution of this conflict is important. Here is a friend who needs to share interests and challenges.
Investments will be enjoyed, but a gambling spirit should be controlled.

Sun in Sagittarius / Venus in Sagittarius
Sagittarians are the hunters of the zodiac, so when Venus joins the Sun in this sign much attention is given to the emotional chase. Fickleness must be countered. All the attributes of Venus in Sagittarius will be present.
If Neptune is also in Sagittarius there will be idealism and romantic reverie.
Money may easily slip through the subject's fingers.

Sun in Capricorn / Venus in Sagittarius
Although the loyalty and faithfulness of Capricorn is less evident, this is a good placing for those with rather serious Capricorn qualities, helping them to enjoy life and warming their cool emotions.
There will be less social climbing in the love life, but a good mind will be deemed important, and the partner will spur on the Capricorn ambitions and aspirations. Friends must share demanding interests.
Moneymaking is less important than for other Capricorn groups.

Sun in Aquarius / Venus in Sagittarius
The Aquarian spirit will be sympathetic to the independence of Venus in Sagittarius, while the fire of that sign will warm the distant but dynamic attraction of Aquarius.
Nevertheless, the liking for individuality will not encourage even the most romantic Aquarian to rush into a long-term commitment.
Sexual experiment is likely to be usual.
There is a wide circle of friends, who often share philanthropic or intellectual interests.
Money will be spent erratically, often on silly, trendy things.

<u>Venus in Capricorn</u>
***Keynote*: Affections are serious but restrained.**
***Symbol*: A beautiful woman buttons herself into an old-fashioned dress.**
Although Venus is in many ways agreeably situated in Capricorn, people born with this configuration have some very contradictory impulses to resolve.

Much depends on whether the higher or lower side of the combination prevails. If Saturn's chill hardens the heart and restricts the Venusian capacity for love, then this position can betray the calculating ambition of one who marries for money and trades on sentiment for the sake of personal gain. A need to fortify the ego by surrounding it with possessions of demonstrable value crushes the tender emotions of Venus under the wheels of the Capricornian drive for power. Sexual inhibitions may grow out of fears instilled by strict social taboos, or there may be a rather mechanical approach to sex in which erotic techniques are substituted for the simple capacity to love.

When well aspected, Venus in Capricorn is loyal, trustworthy, and steadfast. Feelings may be more profoundly experienced as a result of being held in reserve and not wasted in casual demonstrations of affection. Sometimes a desire for security, combined with a fear of being rebuffed, delays marriage and tempers ardor with caution. One way or another, love is hedged round with practical considerations. The necessity for restraint, although frustrating in youth, pays unexpected dividends as the years pass. Saturn needs time to mellow before it can show itself at its best.

Men of this type tend to be self-abnegating and their romantic impulses are subordinated to their professional duties. Such men wed for a variety of practical reasons but, in reality, their first love is their work. Often their wives help them in their business, a practice which may benefit both marriage and career.

In the lives of immature people or of those driven mainly by physical appetites, this blending of influences can have a coarsening effect. Venus panders to the senses while Saturn hardens the ego, intensifying the materiality of an earth planet in an earth sign. For mature individuals, this same position can be remarkably productive. It gives a sense of order and proportion which contributes to the success of their endeavors in whatever field they make their own. If a thing is to be done at all, they will take the time and care to see that it is done right.

Venus in Capricorn translates personal affections into emotional discipline. True love must have time to grow. It endures patiently, suffers uncomplainingly, and remains faithful to the finish. Ultimately, this abiding devotion justifies all the vicissitudes of a life lived for others, and serves as an example of the highest moral precepts held forth by the teachers of the race.

Sun in Scorpio / Venus in Capricorn

This links the deep intensity and passion of Scorpio with the cool calculation of Capricorn. Here are people who will get what they want, but may not consider a partner's feelings carefully or sympathetically. They are demanding friends who will encourage others in their ambitions. Ruthlessness in all areas of life must be countered. Business - and moneymaking abilities are excellent.

Sun in Sagittarius / Venus in Capricorn
This calms the passion of Sagittarius, and the love life is taken seriously. The subject is thoughtful and fairly constant (more so than other members of this Sun sign), but there can be conflict between the Sagittarian need for freedom of expression within a relationship and the Capricorn urge to do the right thing. Here is a friend who enjoys demanding challenges. Financial growth can occur through clever and calculated risk-taking.

Sun in Capricorn / Venus in Capricorn
Faithfulness and loyalty join with a reserved expression of feeling. The characteristics of Venus in Capricorn (see left) will be very evident. Ambition for material progress must not be so great that the partner and children are neglected as a result.

Sun in Aquarius / Venus in Capricorn
The very independent Aquarian lifestyle will cause a reluctance to be committed to an emotional relationship. The romantic tendencies often present in this Sun sign may be suppressed. The impression given is cool and distant, but there are magnetic powers of attraction. Here is a good, faithful friend but someone who will be difficult to know really well. The management of finances may or may not be good, so a balance is needed.

Sun in Pisces / Venus in Capricorn
The blending of earth (Capricorn) and water (Pisces) is excellent, since Venus will help steady the gush of Piscean emotion. If a practical approach to love can be achieved there should be no conflict, but the coolness of Venus must be recognized as a positive factor, helping to channel and give an element of caution and common sense in this sphere of life. Here is a kind friend who will offer plenty of sensible suggestions when called upon to help. There will be some fiscal ability but, if Mercury is also in Pisces, professional financial advice is to be recommended.

Venus in Aquarius

***Keynote*: Attachments are idealistic and impersonal.**
***Symbol*: A group of young people admire a statue of Aphrodite in a museum.**
Venus in Aquarius bestows a love of the ideal and a tendency to idealize love. The person with this combination may find that ordinary marital relationships fail to satisfy their desire for romantic excitement and they begin to cast about for something more exotic. Aquarius brings out the mental rather than the sentimental side of Venus and stimulates a craving for novelty which often gives rise to unusual relationships.
Venusian Aquarians make better friends than lovers. Frequently they want their lover to be a friend who understands their intellectual interests and who

can provide pleasant company. Their sympathies are usually expressed in broad humanitarian terms rather than devotion to specific individuals. Feelings are seldom passionate, but there is a need to exchange ideas with others and to participate in a community of congenial personalities.
The emotional scope is extended so that the creative energies may be directed into communal and charitable endeavors. Although they may experiment with love, their romances are characterized by expediency more than by impulse. Once they are married and tied down to the care of small children, however, they begin wondering how they can emancipate themselves.
The person with Venus in Aquarius may embrace the cause of free love, but the attitude grows out of a wish to feel unfettered rather than out of the conviction that this is an intrinsically better way of life. Their concern for the needs of unique individuals causes them to look beyond the roles designated by the arbiters of convention. Their own interests are so universal that they prefer not to be fettered by compelling personal attachments and responsibilities. Aquarians sincerely want to gather their rosebuds while they may, and will leave others free to pick their way along the thorn-strewn path of romance if they will extend the same courtesy in return.
A Venusian Aquarian is generally as non-possessive about things as they are about people. They appreciate beauty but would as soon enjoy a lovely object in someone else's home as to have to dust and look after it themselves. They respect money mainly because it provides them with the means to do as they please, and especially because it releases them from the restrictions of a routine job and allows them to be their own boss. They enjoy getting around, whether by plane or as a hitchhiking hobo. They can be charming, happy, and original - as long as they feel untrammeled and free.
Here is a very kind and helpful friend. Usually they are good with money but too much may be spent on expensive clothes and items for the home.

Sun in Sagittarius / Venus in Aquarius
This considerably increases the Sagittarian love of independence yet cools the ardent passions of that sign. However, there is increased fidelity once the subject is committed emotionally. The Sagittarian love of the chase and its challenge is carefully disguised. This placing can also glamorize the usually very casual Sagittarian image.
This is a rewarding, warm-hearted friend who will give plenty of positive encouragement. Financial risks may be enjoyed and taken erratically, without due thought.

Sun in Capricorn / Venus in Aquarius
This placing can make the aspiring Capricorn type seem rather haughty. Budding relationships may be damaged because the subject feels that no

prospective partner is good enough. This may be an excuse to delay commitment and the full expression of emotion which can be difficult.

Sun in Aquarius / Venus in Aquarius
This individual will have dynamic and magnetic powers of attraction, but may be very difficult to know really well. Independence is necessary, but love and admiration are also needed. All the traits described for Venus in Aquarius apply. Expensive items may be hard to resist.

Sun in Pisces / Venus in Aquarius
Piscean emotion is controlled here, and there is also a good ability to distance the self from the feelings, with the individual relying on intuition. The image is spiced with originality and too much sparkle at times. Great kindness and charity often result in personal sacrifices. This is a superb, if occasionally forgetful, friend. Professional financial advice is recommended unless business ability is shown elsewhere.

Sun in Aries / Venus in Aquarius
Here, the fiery Arian passion is quenched by the cool detachment of Venus, but the Arian need for independence will be complementary. The desire for a permanent relationship may clash with the wish to be fancy-free. A compromise must be reached, hopefully with the help of a sympathetic partner.
Here is a very lively friend who is enthusiastic about joint interests. Financial flair may be present, but hastiness when investing could cause problems.

Venus in Pisces

***Keynote*: Devotion is expressed through sacrificial service.**
***Symbol*: A nurse massages a patient's feet.**
Pisces brings out the best in Venus. It elevates and refines the sentiments and gives a capacity for humble, self-abnegating cooperation. People born with this combination are endowed with a profound appreciation of beauty, but the art most valued is the art of loving.
Less voluptuous than the earthy Venusians of Taurus and less contriving than the socially ambitious Venusians of Libra, their emotions are tender and solicitous. They are more vulnerable to hurt, but the suffering they endure is often a purifying force in their lives and may be transmuted into sympathetic understanding of the woes of others. Their willingness to be helpful is seldom confined to family and friends but diffuses into a general compassion for all who are in distress.
Venusian Pisceans are particularly fond of music. Even when they do not produce it themselves they are strongly affected by the moods music creates. They also have a fondness for art, poetry, and dancing, especially the ballet.

If a capacity for discipline is not shown elsewhere in the chart, this proclivity to be emotionally swayed may give way to maudlin sentimentality, as though the Piscean waters were melting the practicality of Venus into a shapeless slush.

In matters of love such individuals may be too easygoing and submissive, yielding to inveiglement when a firm stand would be better for all concerned. Venus in Neptune's sign would never be deliberately hurtful, but it can be muddlesome owing to deviousness and an inability to face facts.

People with Venus in Pisces believe that marriages are made in heaven, and idealize their partners. They cannot live for themselves alone but want to share their pleasures with an appreciative companion from whose reactions they derive a vicarious satisfaction. Their eagerness to merge their personality with that of their loved one in a romanticized relationship may induce them to sacrifice their own best interests for an insubstantial dream.

There may be times when these tenderhearted people should be prodded into standing up for their rights, even if it involves saying "no" to a friend, relative, or spouse. Otherwise, an unconscious resentment against those who draw unduly upon their time and resources may build up beneath a facade of charity or devotion and lead to a vicious circle of guilt and atonement. Although there is always a possibility of neurotic self-denial, Venus is sufficiently well-placed in Pisces to confer a genuine desire to be of assistance.

From a metaphysical viewpoint, the exaltation of Venus in Pisces shows that love is the final goal of the evolutionary process. The journey of Venus through the zodiac gives a marvelous symbolic picture of the soul's circuitous passage through the signs, as it endeavors first to engross itself in the material world and then to extricate itself.

Venus starts out in detriment in Aries, where Saturn in its fall represents the original fall of man as related in myth and legend. Then, in Taurus, Venus appears as the alluring earth-goddess of love whose arousal of instinctive desires provides the incentive for further progress. In the positive, Venus-ruled sign Libra, love becomes more intellectualized and socially oriented. The exaltation of Saturn in Libra renders the process lawful, as desire based on the fluctuating rhythms of nature is bonded into the enduring structure of the marriage relationship. Here, the exalted Saturn limits and disciplines the passions in order that their autochthonous forces may be channeled into conventionally acceptable alliances. Finally, in Pisces, Venus is exalted. The work of Saturn has ended, and there supervenes the sacrificial (or sacred) love of Neptune, planet of transcendence.

The Venusian Piscean is completing one stage of their earthly journey. They may have other rounds to travel, but at this point they should be capable of experiencing some measure of the reverence for life which is the seed of the divine compassion by whose grace Matter is redeemed and made to shine from within.

Sun in Capricorn / Venus in Pisces
This warms the Capricorn heart and softens the attitude towards partners. Social climbing is less pronounced, and time will be spent enjoying relationships and children, rather than worrying about material matters.
Capricorn characteristics will counter the gullible emotion of Pisces, adding common sense to the extreme fluidity of the Piscean emotion.
Here is a practical and sympathetic friend. in financial affairs, and particularly investments, the intuition should be followed.

Sun in Aquarius / Venus in Pisces
This adds to the kind, humanitarian and charitable qualities of Aquarius and warms the emotions, making the subject more responsive and less distant. Emotional involvement is increased, yet Piscean emotion will blend with Aquarian independence. This is an understanding and sympathetic friend.
Money can be handled badly. Professional help is advised.

Sun in Pisces / Venus in Pisces
There is a great deal that is beautiful about this placing, but you must realize that your emotions can dominate all too easily.
Too much kindness and sympathy may exist, plus a tendency to become a doormat. Sacrifices may be made to your considerable detriment.
All indications described for Venus in Pisces will apply very strongly.
Financial problems can occur through excessive generosity.

Sun in Aries / Venus in Pisces
Here the fire and water emotions are combined, but the fire of Aries gives a natural assertiveness so that inner strength will be added to warmth, kindness and passion. The placing softens the selfishness of Aries and adds understanding and sympathy.
There is great sexual exuberance, making for an enthusiastic partner. Both partners and friends will be given positive encouragement.
An overly enterprising spirit can sometimes harm moneymaking ideas.

Sun in Taurus / Venus in Pisces
This is a delightful combination, giving a gentle but nonetheless deep and meaningful expression of feelings.
Taurean possessiveness is less likely to be a stumbling block, but emotional security is important.
The emotion of Venus is controlled creating an individual who is a very caring, passionate and sensual lover.
Too much money can be spent on creature comforts.

MARS through the Signs

Mars in Aries

Keynote: **Energy is directed into vigorous action.**
Symbol: **A knight rides off into battle.**

Mars in Aries will bestow a powerful physical energy level that needs positive expression. If there is no outlet through sports or another physically demanding activity, the system will stagnate, and one may become restless and unfulfilled. The need to win, to be first, may be very important.

This individual will encourage loved ones also to take bold, assertive action. If they do not respond, the person is likely to take the upper hand and force issues. There will, however, be a strong tendency to lack consideration for others' feelings and needs, forcing others (and especially the partner, if they lack confidence and assertiveness) to take what is believed to be the right action.

The sex drive can be powerfully increased by this placing, which also adds a strong emotional passion but one that is simple and straightforward rather than seething, smoldering, intense or distorted by psychological twists and turns. The desire for motherhood can also be increased.

Headaches may occur, as well as outbursts of Martian anger - a rapid loss of temper and a sudden raging storm that is over as quickly as it began. Resentfulness is not usual.

The person with Mars in Aries craves excitement. Instead of waiting for things to happen they search for new fields to conquer. They believe themselves to be the master of their destiny and behave as though everything were up to them. If their impulses are unchecked, however, one runs the risk of becoming a slave to their own desires. Only when the individual realizes that to control fate means controlling themselves do they win their cherished freedom.

Since fiery Mars already rules fiery Aries, this combination gives a double dose of the self-willed Martial spirit. The temperament is vital and courageous with a natural robustness of body and mind. When the planet of energy joins forces with the sign of action, there is bound to be a driving urge for accomplishment.

Undeveloped types may be brash and pugnacious while those with trained minds make ardent propagandists. They identify with their ideals, and this sense of commitment spurs them to fight for the principles they believe in. They can be uncomplicated, reducing apparently complex problems to a few simple components.

This is not the best combination for routine work. Mars in Aries seeks adventure and is often more refreshed by new sensations than by a rest. Such a person needs an immediate challenge and impose deadlines on themselves regardless of whether or not they are pressed for time - though they usually are.

They tend to wear out before they rust out. Theirs is the type of mind that insists the only thing to fear is fear itself, and their stamina sustains them through ordeals that would leave lesser individuals prostrate. They have scant sympathy for those who complicate their lives and dissipate their forces through timidity and misgivings.
When afflicted, this combination can be accident-prone. There is a need to take precautions against burns and scalds. Providing physical mishaps are avoided, there is enough vitality to ensure a long and interesting life. When the end does come, it is usually sudden, since Mars in Aries simply refuses to put up with illness, disability, or slow decline.
The defects of this position are the corollaries of its strengths, and stem mainly from impatience and irritation. Without a balancing factor, recklessness and assertiveness may betray lack of consideration for the tender sensibilities of less hardy souls.
The main need is to slow down and channel the vitality of Mars in Aries into worthwhile projects so that it does not burn out purposelessly. The person with Mars in Aries is primed for action but should make it a point to stop every now and then to consider where they are headed and why.

Mars in Taurus

Keynote: **Energy is utilized in practical persevering ways.**
Symbol: **A bulldozer razes a site for an industrial development.**

Since Taurus is the bull and Mars is the color red, Mars in Taurus can be expected to produce displays of temper or ‘seeing red’. Yet the word ‘temper’ means more than a fiery outburst or sudden tantrum. A blade of steel is tempered by fire into an effective cutting instrument. Justice is tempered by mercy to make it psychologically equitable.
Thus, the individual whose disposition is tempered by Mars in Taurus may have to decide whether they will smolder with resentment over real or imagined injustices, or whether they will burn with zeal to right wrongs and to shape the rude clay of Earth into more adequate forms.
Despite the harshness of the impact of Mars upon the obdurate material of Taurus, this is a felicitous combination for worldly achievement. It impels the subject to plow through resistance and to test their strength against obstacles, even though they may be forced to confront their antagonists by burning bridges behind them.
Sometimes one may feel they have been compelled to fight for everything they gain, and in moments of discouragement may wonder if their victories have been worth the struggle. Nevertheless, they have the courage to endure, regardless of privations.
The person with Mars in Taurus prefers practical tasks to those of an abstract nature. They want to move mountains, to make money, and to construct an impregnable bastion of security. Not for them are moralizing, philosophizing, or rationalizing debates as to what to do or not do.

Once they see the need for action they will push with bull-dozer like persistence toward a successful outcome to their endeavors. Yet all too often, having obtained the desired objective, they unwittingly allow it to slip from their grasp.
Even in their lowest moments, however, they find that, just as there are fires smoldering deep in the heart of the earth which periodically blaze into activity, this person too can summon up a resurgence of the will-to-win which enables them to move resolutely forward again.
Any Mars/Venus combination is liable to produce a strongly sexed individual. In this case, where the erotic energy of Mars is grounded in the earthy nature of Venus-ruled Taurus, the instinctive drive of the planet can be subverted into overbearing arrogance, unreasoning jealousy, and fierce possessiveness.
The effect of Mars in Taurus can be like an underground explosion which, by turning up the emotions, destroys the hope of attaining the most coveted rewards by undermining the stable foundations upon which all accomplishment must rest.
The compulsion to obtain and retain material things often betrays a power complex. Such a person may be extremely generous, but only as long as the reins of authority are in their hands and they are the disputed lord over that which they consider to be their own.
While Venus in Taurus inclines to cooperate with nature, Mars in Taurus determines to conquer it. These people court challenges and have the rugged strength to meet them.
Engineering, construction work, and enterprises which reshape the contours of the earth can absorb their attention.
This is a marvelous placing for those who participate in heavy team games or the heavier sports in general - boxing, wrestling or weightlifting, for instance. Thinking of the Venus influence on Taurus, this is a good, strong placing for a dancer, since discipline and routine are essential for such a profession and, for the men, a great deal of weightlifting is involved.
The effect on health can be a tendency to feverishness and a vulnerability to throat infections.
All planets in detriment imply contradictory behavior. Mars in Taurus can be alternately peaceful and aggressive, stoical and self-indulgent, generous and grasping. Control is possible, however, if the person with this turn-about temperament can remain steadfast in the conviction that the only really worthwhile possession is their own mind and soul.
They have the strength of character to achieve their basic objectives. Therefore, it is especially important for this individual to understand the deeper desires which motivate them to action, and to make sure that the goals they seek justify the effort expended in reaching them.

Mars in Gemini

Keynote: **Ideas are projected forcefully.**

Symbol: **A fencer engages his opponent with agile parries and swift thrusts.**

Mars in Gemini denotes an energetic thinker with a busy, restless mind. This is a voluble talker who seldom hesitates to jump into a debate on any subject that ignites their interest. They endeavor to convert ideas into effective action as quickly as possible in order to be free to pursue the new projects that claim their attention. They will labor diligently to achieve desired results, but are apt to exert themselves in spurts rather than in a steady even manner.

As a verbal sophisticate they are capable of building a bridge of words between the world of mind and the world of practical action. They can make idealistic enterprises sound feasible and know how to present the reasonable in terms of the desirable.

It is important to exercise the body as well as the mind, but this person may not be particularly inclined to do so unless some sort of intellectual challenge is involved. Many forms of exercise will be tried, but most will be deemed boring. The individual is encouraged to find one that satisfies their intellectual and physical needs, and to stick to it. If this does not happen, restlessness can build up, bringing a rather sharp temper and irritability that will be directed not only towards others but also to the self, through considerable self-criticism.

Quite a strong element of versatility is usually present, but watch that energy is not dissipated through too many changes of direction, both in life in general and on a day-to-day basis.

The arms and hands are vulnerable so one is encouraged to wear protective gloves when gardening or doing rough chores, and to be very careful when handling sharp tools or hot dishes especially when Mars is making transits to the personal planets or the Ascendant.

As far as the sex life is concerned, this person should be a lively, experimental partner who will enjoy a rewarding sex life from youth right through to old age. The attitude towards sex will be light-hearted: it is fun, and to be enjoyed. This placing tends to take some of the steamy passion out of this sphere of life, but the subject will nevertheless be an energetic and often athletic lover.

Mars in Cancer

Keynote: **Circumstances demand defensive action.**

Symbol: **A settler buys a gun in order to protect his home.**

Mars in Cancer directs the full force of the feeling nature into the struggle to acquire an estate and to guard that which has been obtained. A soldier's place is not normally in the home. Therefore, aggressive Mars is in its fall in the domestic sign of Cancer where militancy is distressingly out of place.

Although the fire of Mars and the water of Cancer are more apt to boil than to blend, their enforced coalescence produces potent effects. The suppressed emotionalism of fire/water combinations may result in smoldering irritation followed by sudden outbursts of temper or 'letting off steam'. Such rage may not be as easily assuaged as when Mars is in other signs and, because Cancer enhances the memory, resentfulness will not be easy to cleanse from the emotions, even though one may dislike this trait in themselves.

When positively directed, the pent-up feelings can be channeled into passionate dedication to a cause. Often such an individual is driven to sublimate the ferment of feelings, which vie for control of their nature, into fervid endeavor. The result may be a brand of genius which is tinged with lunacy but which, nevertheless, gives rise to accomplishment.

Mars in Cancer can churn up obscure problems, particularly on the home front. Excessive tension is likely to create internal distress in the form of nervousness and digestive upsets. Women with this placement often undergo abdominal operations; men are oppressed by possessive mothers; babies have difficulty retaining their food. Unconscious resentments may lead to a dependence on cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs that wreak havoc upon the hapless cells of the body in socially acceptable ways. Addictive tendencies may be triggered by the use of artificial stimulants to counteract a sense of physical depletion.

A Mars/Cancer person should study and apply the principles of psychoanalysis in probing the depths of their own mind. Here they can wield the cutting force of Mars like a surgeon's knife in order to locate hidden sources of conflict. Frequently, they find that many of their difficulties can be traced to childhood traumas or to uncongenial parents.

Although this position gives strong domestic inclinations, the nesting instinct is often thwarted by sudden changes of residence, political upheavals, or uncontrollable circumstances. Almost invariably, some frustration mars the harmony of home.

Since Mars is a go-getter as well as a goad to action, it frequently provides a clue to a person's profession. In Cancer, it inclines toward occupations connected with the sea, food, housing, or children. The strenuous work involved in running a busy home, institution, hotel, or restaurant is characteristic of this configuration.

The Mars/Cancer person must learn that some battles are won through letting go and surrendering to necessity. Otherwise, they may waste energy struggling for lost causes. They need to cultivate a quiet spirit, a happy disposition, and faith that the ongoing stream of life will bear them to their goal.

Mars in Leo

Keynote: **Creative energies stimulate vivacious activity.**
Symbol: **An actor bounds vigorously onto the stage.**

The fiery enthusiasm, energy and assertiveness of Mars are well complemented in Leo, and this placing gives excellent organizational ability and powers of leadership. Nevertheless, the person with this placing must guard against becoming too pushy, especially with others who are less extrovert.

The emotions are positively increased, and there will be a great love of life; special pleasure will be gained from enabling others to be happy and enjoy themselves. The sex life is likely to be full, rewarding and colorful. There is usually a sense of drama, and while this can be fun, it must be controlled as must a tendency to exaggerate and show off, which can become bombastic at times.

There is a genuine hatred of small-mindedness and petty behavior. The temper is generally quick, but Leo magnanimity means all will be forgiven and forgotten equally quickly.

A passion for art and creativity is often shown. If painting or design is enjoyed there is usually a flair for color: especially hot, sunny shades. If the Sun sign complements the Mars placing (being another fire sign, for instance), one will look for such colors when choosing clothes, which will also allow plenty of movement.

If over-enthusiasm is consciously controlled, or is countered by other somewhat more sober elements in the chart, this placing is a marvelously invigorating one. It adds a certain robustness to the health, but look to the spine, which could be prone to strain especially if one is confined to an office desk for long hours at a time. As Leo rules the heart, steady exercise is encouraged, whatever the age. For exercise, all kinds of dancing is recommended, as are workouts at a well-equipped health club.

Mars in Leo gives an abundance of ***elan vital*** and the incentive to project ideas in dramatic ways. Few combinations impart more personal magnetism. Everything is done ‘with heart’ and in a grand and chivalrous manner. There is a liking for the big, the bright, and the bold. Issues are clearly drawn and action is taken without fear of consequences.

The Martial Leonion seldom hesitates to act but will do what is needed without wasting energy debating the pros and cons of a matter. Their heart tells them what is right and generally it is sound and trustworthy. This Promethean spirit quickly grows impatient with those timid souls who, because they lack the courage to take a definite stand, allow golden opportunities to elude them.

Leo is the born leader who Mars impels to take the steps required to rise to a position of prominence. The presence of a fiery planet in a fiery sign gives a double dose of assertiveness that may prove almost too hot too handle. The defects of this position arise from a tendency toward extremism. Excessive zeal for a just cause can degenerate into fanaticism which arouses antagonism even in those who are being helped.

The energy of Mars reinforced by the individualism of Leo fosters the ability to excel in artistic enterprises, such as acting, singing, and dancing, which require self-projection. One expects dramatic entrances and exits, startling effects and original touches from these colorful personalities. They aspire to transcend previous accomplishments and move on to greater things.

Mars supplies the motive power to push forward, to brave opposition in competitive fields, and to be brash when necessary. On the negative side, it can make a person pushy and presumptuous. Sometimes, Mars in Leo signifies a power complex which drives an individual to struggle relentlessly for personal recognition and to use dictatorial means to achieve the desired status. They will fight their way to the top, not only because they want admiration, but because they crave power.

Whatever their vocation the person with Mars in Leo expresses themselves with style and verve. They can take personal initiative and should execute their original ideas, even if by trying to keep everything in their own hands they overestimate their ability to cope with unexpected contingencies. The willingness to give personal attention to whatever they do accounts in large measure for their successes. They are ready to take a gamble and will strike out on their own while others are clinging to the coattails of convention. They may win gloriously, or lose ignominiously, but at least they are not a mediocrity.

One expects the king of the beasts to be strong and bold, even if occasionally dangerous, and should be approached with deference. Mar's intensifies Leo's courage, pride, and generosity, but it can also incite hasty judgment and lack of restraint. The Martial Leonian is seldom petty or mean, but they need to check their temper and to realize that power entails responsibility. It is hard for the noble Lion to pay obescience to anyone. Yet there are times when they must submit to others, even if only to prove that they have this additional power over the kingdom of their own soul.

Mars in Virgo

***Keynote*: Energy is expended with keen insistence on detail.**

***Symbol*: A soldier polishes his bayonet until it gleams.**

The adroitness conferred by Mars in Virgo makes this a helpful position for anyone who practices a discipline requiring physical and mental finesse. The vigorous practicality of the fire/earth combination can produce a shrewd businessperson, engineer, pathologist, medical technician, or mechanic.

Virgoans tend to work in a subordinate capacity, but when this analytical sign filters the out-rushing force of Mars, it can be diverted into highly specialized skills which raise a worker to the top of their profession.

The Martial spirit of aggressiveness combined with the Virgoan willingness to take orders is salutary for a career in the military services. It also gives a keen interest in health and human welfare as in the case of Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross.

In the academic field, scholarly Virgo is transfused with the mental vigor needed to go out in pursuit of the facts and figures required in research projects, especially if these involve waging war on disease and pollution.
A person having this blend of influences may be less adventuresome than they seem, since they plan their strategy astutely, have calculated the odds, and know what to expect before they commit themselves to action. They rise to challenges, but seldom so far that their feet leave the ground. Virgo's passion for detail may make Mars cold-blooded, but this same bloodhound instinct can be admirable when it comes to tracking down troublemaking elements.
The planet of sexual desire is not really at ease in the sign of chastity. In some cases, the person involves themselves so completely in their job that little time or energy remains for romance. They find themselves obligated to restrain their physical impulses and to subordinate the demands of the senses to common sense.
Irritation may arise out of a desire to achieve more than can be accomplished with the inadequate materials available. Human clay is just too obdurate to express Virgo's ideal of perfection.
Although the Martial Virgoan may not be an ardent lover, they can be an ardent worker. This self-immolating tendency may be purely altruistic, but there are also some who discover that their sacrifices provide an incontrovertible excuse for avoiding potentially distasteful emotional entanglements. This situation can be frustrating, indeed, for one who happens to be more in love with such a person than with the cause they embrace.
The analytical power of Mars in Virgo can lead to achievement in almost any field of endeavor that requires the penetrating use of the mind. These keenly discriminating Virgoans have an unobtrusive ambition which impels them to work to the limit of their ability, even if they must sacrifice physical comforts to the demands of their career.
Their behavior is seldom spectacular but, by remaining on the track and avoiding errors of judgment, they eventually attain their goals.

Mars in Libra

Keynote: **Diplomatic action is backed by a show of force.**
Symbol: **An officer at a full-dress parade salutes his smartly uniformed troops.**
The person with Mars in Libra believes in moderation in everything - including moderation. Although their energy is usually controlled by judgment, it can flare into belligerence: since Mars is God of battles, and Libra rules war as well as peace.
Consequently people having this placement tend to become involved in conflicts in spite of themselves. They may find themselves fighting the many small domestic skirmishes which can mar a marriage, or they may dedicate

their life to the struggle for political unity. One way or another, they encounter opposition to their desires and must call upon all their wit and skill to triumph over adversity.
Paradoxically, the aspiration to introduce a more equitable social order can be the factor which precipitates riot and disorder. People of this temperament often feel called upon to fight for peace, to kill to avoid killing, and to sacrifice the rights of a few for the sake of bringing justice to all.
Mars is in detriment in this Venus-ruled sign because any violent expenditure of energy throws the delicately balanced social machine out of kilter. It is rarely possible to force people to behave fittingly, to compel them to love, to legislate equality, or to wage a war that will end all wars. One needs to realize that the ends do not justify the means. Ends and means are essentially one, and peace can come only from within and never by decree.
Nevertheless, there are occasions when intolerable evils arise and invasions must be repulsed. At such times, one can be grateful for the presence of the Martial Libran who takes the strong action required to adjust the balance of power.
This placement gives a keen esthetic sense, producing the kind of artist who can whip themselves into a creative ferment.
In interpersonal relationships, Mars in Libra is rash and impulsive. As with all fire/air combinations, there is a tendency to burn out quickly. They may have no trouble making conquests, but their conquests may make trouble.
Often, it is their strengths rather than their weaknesses against which this individual must guard, because they underestimate their effectiveness and are surprised at the violence of the reactions they can provoke in people unsympathetic with their methods. Most of their difficulties are created by others, even though indirectly set off by their own faulty judgment.
The very intensity of the striving to cooperate engenders conflict, and the insistence upon cohesiveness may reveal lines of cleavage not previously evident. Yet if they can resolve the opposing forces which wage war in their psyche, this person may become a creative catalyst, not only because of the tangible results produced, but also through their ability to evoke the best in all people and groups. The most important lesson that one can learn or teach is that love conquers all.

Mars in Scorpio

Keynote: **Hidden reserves of power explode into action.**
Symbol: **Miners drilling deep into the bowels of the earth strike oil.**
Mars co-ruler of Scorpio, posited in its own sign, gives access to an arsenal of potent psychological weapons which can be used for good or bad. To a large extent the individual must decide how they will direct these inner forces. If they do not deliberately take their stand on the side of good, they may find themselves sliding into wrong doing before they realize the implications of their malefactions.

With so much power at their disposal, they cannot hold themselves aloof but must make a definite commitment either to the forces of darkness or to the forces of light.
People with Mars in Scorpio are passionate, hard driving, and relentlessly determined to get to the bottom of things. Practical and hard working, their ability to command makes them effective executives and disciplinarians.
Exceptional physical strength and endurance, together with dauntless courage, play a part in their success. Even if they fail, they go down fighting.
Mars in Scorpio generally indicates a strong sex drive. However, since this sign is found in the second half of the zodiac, the sector which concerns social and collective issues, sexual activity stems less from the desire for personal gratification than from a passionate yearning to lose oneself in another. A partner who is mysterious or exotic can be preferred to one too well known.
Libidinal impulses may also be sublimated to a famous personality or a cause. There is a need to be possessed by something greater than oneself, just as Mars in the opposite sign Taurus shows the need to possess.
The Scorpion's willingness to fight dauntlessly for their beliefs grows out of their conviction that an individual's deepest resources lie not in their own ego-bound personality, but in their capacity to relate to other people and to function within the social framework of their milieu.
The heavy emotion of Scorpio is intensified by the passion of Mars, and it is essential that one find rewarding and satisfying sexual expression. Do not dismiss this statement as a generalization; while we all need sexual fulfillment, if this is not forthcoming for someone with Mars in Scorpio there will be resentfulness and a brooding unhappiness that may be hard to pin down.
There is marvelous potential in this placing, if the emotions related to all spheres of life are allowed to flow positively. On the negative side, jealousy can be a problem, and in extreme circumstances one may show vengeful tendencies.
There will be a love of good food and sometimes a liking for really living it up. If the love of food and drink gets out of hand it may be that the individual is compensating for a lack of emotional fulfillment.
It is vital that this person is emotionally involved in their career because, while moneymaking is important, the forceful and highly charged energies of Mars should be fully expressed through work.
The physical energy of Mars will be plentiful, and as the placing adds considerable determination (often stubbornness), heavy exercise - and sometimes martial arts - may be enjoyed. Water sports are also very popular.
As the genitals are governed by Scorpio, any inflammation or slight problem in that area should not be ignored.

Mars in Sagittarius

***Keynote*: Ambitiously conceived projects are carried out enthusiastically.**

***Symbol*: A "bronco buster" at a rodeo keeps his seat on a spirited steed.**

The Martial Sagittarian is a good sport in every sense of the word. The presence of this fiery planet in a fire sign points to a free, frank, and unfettered spirit who can engage in a perpetual love affair with the world. This combination is somewhat antagonistic to discipline, but unlike Mars in Aries which tends to live for the moment, this individual can look to the future and see the need for planning and organization.

Because people customarily regard expansion as good and contraction as bad, Jupiter is called a ***benefic*** and Mars a ***malefic*** planet. Yet extravagance depletes finances, dietary indulgences induce indigestion, and fat can be fatal. The force of Mars flowing through the sign of optimistic Jupiter can make things look rosier than they really are, spinning schemes and dreams without foundation.

If the Mars/Sagittarius combination's boundless energy can be harnessed, the craving for adventure may lead to fame and fortune. An inner certainty of being in the right spurs one on to victory even while others fall by the wayside.

The Martial Sagittarian is often too independent to accept the tenets of orthodox religion. Yet the subject can be preoccupied with metaphysical issues, even while expressing impatience with outworn dogma. They must constantly tailor their religious convictions to their expanding consciousness, with the result that they continue to progress mentally long after their companions have settled into comfortable conformity. They are positive thinkers whose faith is based on a profound conviction that humanity lives in an orderly universe.

While this is a very lively and exciting placing for Mars, because it increases the physical energy level so much, the individual is encouraged to enjoy some form of demanding exercise in order that these powerful resources are positively exploited.

Intellectual energy will also be present, and one will devour challenges that make a heavy demand on the mind as much as those that make physical demands on the body. There will be breadth of vision and plenty of surprising ideas set out with terrific enthusiasm. Such plans will be carried through to a satisfactory conclusion, but the subject must always beware of restlessness and of simply getting fed up with the project at hand. There will be a considerable liking for risk-taking, and sometimes a sneaking enjoyment of gambling - especially at sporting events.

Mars likes to be out in front and to win. Anything new and different will attract. This person will want to be the first to express an opinion, and will often enjoy slightly shocking other more conventional types. Versatility is usually an

asset, but it will need to be controlled; moving from one job to another without completing anything must be avoided.
The liking for adventure, excitement, and to some extent danger, can make the individual vulnerable to accidents. Taking care will be considered boring; and it is advisable to wear the necessary protective clothing when involved in hazardous sports, and also to develop advanced driving techniques. Those with this placing must maintain a balance between great physical activity and equally demanding intellectual challenges; in this way the fiery energy of Mars in Sagittarius will burn wonderfully bright and steady. They must take aim when directing their Sagittarian arrows, otherwise they will dance through life shooting them hither and thither without a care, but also with little real effect and less eventual fulfillment.
Mars in Sagittarius is the seeker - questing, questioning, and testing new ideas. The great need is to stop, sit still, and search within so that we may be prepared to receive the answers as they come. One has the strength of purpose to achieve the goals they set for themselves. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that the subject should take time to discover what they really want from life. They must decide where they intend to go, proceed resolutely in that direction, resist temptation to rush forward, and pace themselves sensibly with an eye to the ascending path ahead.
In most cases where there are planets in Sagittarius or when the sign rises there is a tendency towards restlessness, and it is certainly very likely indeed when Mars is tenanted in this sign.

Mars in Capricorn

Keynote: **Raw energy is put to work with sustained efficiency.**
Symbol: **A steam engine turns the wheels of a massive locomotive.**
In Capricorn the driving force of Mars unites with the organizing ability of Saturn (ruler of Capricorn), to harness the forces of nature and put them to work for humanity. Mars in Capricorn is imbued with a conscientious regard for the gravity of its responsibilities to the total organism.
It operates purposefully, concentrating on the task at hand with a minimum of mental distractions and wasted emotions. This type of will does not struggle against resistance, but involves the smooth alignment and efficient utilization of all available forces.
If ambitions are thwarted and actions are blocked, Saturn's unremitting pressure causes frustration, irritation, and resentment.
When the psychic energies are damned up and there is no outlet, a slow simmering anger can rise to fever pitch and then explode into violence.
Increased ambitions are usually indicated by this placing, and will be of help where the attainment of objectives is concerned. It increases the powers of endurance; those with this placing can cope in physically demanding situations of the sort that are encountered on expeditions. If the career makes physical demands and one has to work where there is danger, the likelihood

of silly risk-taking, which can so easily occur when Mars is in other signs, is certainly minimized.
As far as exercise is concerned, the endurance of the placing will be of considerable help to anyone who wishes to run marathons or swim long distances. Rock climbing and mountaineering often prove to be rewarding and enjoyable.
The Martian preoccupation with being first and winning may be expressed in the career, especially if ambition is shown in other areas (look to the influence and sign placing of Saturn). The chances are that the individual will be highly motivated toward success, and it is in this direction that the Martian energy will be directed, especially if it harmonizes with the Ascendant and with the aspirations of the Mid-heaven sign. There can often be a liking for power. Here is someone who could be a self-made businessperson, or who can spring from humble beginnings to win scholarships and succeed academically.
If very ambitious it will be important to realize that the risk of sacrificing partners and loved ones for objectives is omnipresent, and that it is all too easy to work to breaking point. This will be particularly likely if Mars receives negative aspects from Uranus, in which case the need for power will also be increased. Apart from eventual exhaustion due to overwork, the joints may be prone to inflammation, especially after heavy exercise.
Extremes of temperature may have an overly negative effect on the body; when making long-distance flights it is vital that time is allowed to acclimatize to any vast change of temperature as feverish complaints and sudden chills may otherwise result. Protection against malaria and similar tropical diseases is essential.
One is likely to take sex very seriously, giving great consideration to the choice of a partner before making a first move.

Mars in Aquarius

***Keynote*: Energy is expended inventively.**
***Symbol*: Scientists study the effects of an atomic explosion.**
The word for Mars in Aquarius is dynamic. The intellectual power of Aquarius, reinforced by the physical and emotional energy of Mars, combines to produce breakups, breakdowns, or breakthroughs, depending upon the capacity of the individual to handle the forces unleashed. People of this type are often found in the vanguard of humanity or of their particular social set. They always appear to know how to keep things lively. Even when they themselves are quiet and dignified, lightning seems to crackle about them.
The presence of Mars in this galvanic Uranian sign shows a need to guard against becoming nervously overcharged. Sometimes these individuals can play with fire without being fully cognizant of the dangers involved. A wire that heats up is less efficient in conducting a flow of electricity than one that remains cool. Similarly, the Aquarian can be most effective when they remain

coolly controlled and non-resistant to the forces which use them as a channel in order to bring about radical changes.
People having Mars in Aquarius are often concerned with large-scale problems and humanitarian issues. This is the combination one might expect to find in the chart of a political agitator or an instigator of revolutions. These revolutions may be social, political, moral, or scientific, but in one way or another they keep the wheels of progress revolving. Even when the Martial Aquarian is not doing the actual fighting, they spark action on the part of others. One must remember, however, that progress is not produced nor equality won by turning everything upside down. Their great need is to cultivate patience, forbearance, and equanimity rather than leaping forward in spurts and spasms.
Mars in Aquarius gives the impetus to explore new frontiers of the mind. The incendiary restlessness of the fire-air combination makes it difficult for these individuals to rest on their laurels even after success has been gained. These are the adventurers who must climb a mountain because it is there. Non-intellectual types may demonstrate the same quality simply by moving about a great deal. In the case of Queen Elizabeth II, the conservatism of a Taurean Sun and a Capricorn Ascendant prevent her Aquarian Mars from expressing itself except through a variety of interesting journeys and associations.
When this combination accompanies literary talent, the impulse to write generally stems from a desire to convey a socially significant message to the world and to produce drastic action. The Martial-Aquarian scholar believes that the pen is mightier than the sword, and they wield it like a weapon in the battle for people's minds. They may also have a desire to enjoy the untrammeled way of life which a career in writing or the arts may make possible. Often the nature of the occupation they select is less important to them than the independence it allows. They want to be a free spirit who can cruise about and see new places, and any job which allows this personal latitude may be temporarily acceptable.
Generally, these individuals prefer to work with their minds and to enjoy the company of intellectually oriented associates. At the same time, there is a touch of the Bohemian about them, even if they can manage only a symbolic gesture such as owning an exotic sports car or pursuing an unusual hobby. In some way they demonstrate that they are not just one of the crowd as they go their own way and create their own circumstances.

Mars in Pisces

Keynote: **Energy is expended in diffused ways.**
Symbol: **A doctor gives a blood transfusion to an unconscious patient.**
People having Mars in Pisces often find themselves obliged to cope with confusing situations. The position is too emotional to be considered an easy one, and it poses the problem of finding an outlet for feelings whose irrationality does not diminish their compulsivity. Something has to give, but if

there is an explosion, it is more likely to occur deep within the psyche than to be channeled into overt action.
Individuals of this type are faced with the challenge of blending the combustible force of Mars with the volatile vapors of Pisces. As is often the case where fire and water meet, emotions simmer and boil, obscuring basic issues with clouds of steam. On the other hand, the heat may produce alchemical transformations in the substances on which it works. The person with Mars in Pisces generally has something cooking, but they keep the lid on so tightly that it may take a while to discover what is in their brew.
This placement can indicate a person who works extremely hard in unobtrusive ways. They may be connected with an institution or large company which overshadows their distinctive personality, even when they accept an executive position. Often they are interested in psychic research and in various endeavors carried on for the purpose of exploring the subjective laws of the universe. Since Pisce's is the actors sign, energy may be directed into theatrical pursuits.
The main problem confronting these emotionally enturbulated people is a tendency to scatter or misdirect their forces. Sometimes their lack of success is due to a sapping of their energies at a psychic level by unresolved problems.
This is the least physically energetic of all the placements of Mars. In contrast to the straightforward thrust of Aries, Pisces deflects the vital forces inward - sometimes in strange and tortuous ways. Often there is keen esthetic sensitivity and the ability to sublimate sufferings into artistic accomplishment. Drugs and drink can however present a real danger. Alcoholic spirits (fire-water) inflame repressed emotions and dissolve ambition in futile fantasy at times when clear-cut action is needed.
When control is lacking these people may be sensual, temperamental, and intemperate. Imbued with a sense of purpose they can become intoxicated with a vision for which they will work with evangelical zeal. Their natural inclination is to try to reach their goal by indirect means. Yet their effectiveness may be greater than that of people whose work is more visibly evident, because in tuning in on the subtle forces of the universe they learn to apply their psychic energies in ways that will really count. Thus they endeavor to pull the strings rather than play the part of a puppet in nature's great dance of destiny.

JUPITER through the Signs

Jupiter in Aries

***Keynote*: The urge to expand inspires direct and forceful action.**
***Symbol*: A Salvation Army band plays "Onward, Christian Soldiers."**

Jupiter in Aries imparts big ideas and the enthusiasm to carry them out, especially if others will handle the tedious details. Often these plans involve the glorification of a representative individual such as a religious or military leader who is depicted in heroic terms.

The fervent faith engendered by this placement may cause a person to believe that they have been assigned to instigate a divinely ordained mission. It produces militant idealists and crusading generals. While neither is likely to be religious in an orthodox theological sense, they may feel themselves to be chosen instruments of a higher power.

People with Jupiter in this first sign of the zodiac expect to carve their own niche in life. They succeed through their ability to exert themselves and because they have the courage of their convictions. They are innovators in the realm of ideas and, while not deliberately iconoclastic, they pay scant heed to the trepidations of their conservatively inclined colleagues. They presume that sooner or later the rest of the world will fall into line behind them, and frequently this is exactly what happens. However, like all Arians they expect to be at the head of the parade.

Jupiter in Aries produces an energetic traveler. They are keenly interested in every facet of life and have a strong desire to broaden the scope of their experience. Their peregrinations may result from an urge to expand their own consciousness rather than from a desire to understand others. They nearly always have a distinctive philosophy of life. This philosophy is like a pair of colored glasses which they take everywhere so that their impressions are tinted by their personal outlook.

The danger in this combination is rashness and over-optimism, for the forcefulness of Mars can make Jupiter's ambition boundless. Wishful thinking leads to extravagant planning. Consequently, difficulties arise in living up to promises extended in moments of impulsive generosity. There is a need to beware of relying on unrealistic hopes and to realize that common sense will suffice where luck may fail.

The person having Jupiter in Aries, or strongly aspected by Mars, is a positive thinker who looks for the best in people and situations. They may be inclined to expect too much from life, feeling certain that their lucky break is just around the corner. However, even in failure their spirit is dauntless. They chalk up their abortive efforts to experience, consoling themselves with the thought that they have widened the range of their interests and are a bigger person today than yesterday, even if their wallet is temporarily thinner.

They note that the stars still circle the heavens while tides and seasons roll on, and try to overlook their own setbacks by investing their faith in the divine order of the universe. Sooner or later, their faith will bring positive results, and in the interim they have had the pleasure of anticipating better days.

Jupiter in Taurus

***Keynote*: Expansionist policies are grounded in utilitarian endeavors.**

***Symbol*: A stately woman fastens a golden chain around her throat.**
The person born with Jupiter in Taurus understands the value of money and its potential for increase. Often they are blessed with the fine fortune that one would expect from the placement of the planet of planned development in the sign of material abundance.
The prototype of this combination is the wealthy business-person who supports their church generously and believes that if they succeed in their earthly duties, heaven will take care of itself. The placement and aspects of Jupiter are often connected with religious attitudes.
In Taurus, it indicates rather fixed and conventional beliefs centered on the conviction that religion should encourage people to serve the world in practical ways. Such a person will put their faith in ethics rather than in metaphysics or ritual. They maintain the established order because they see no point in wasting energy by upsetting the status quo. To them, one's church should be a solid structure built on a rock of truth, and religion a matter to be taken for granted so that it does not interfere with the orderly routine of daily living.
The person with a well-aspected Jupiter in Taurus is usually a firm believer in the power of positive thinking to produce tangible benefits. Often they achieve prosperity because they are entirely convinced it is their due.
Rich or poor, however, they must beware of extravagance, love of luxury, and acquisitiveness. Women of this temperament should avoid cluttering their homes with unnecessary objects.
Ordinarily, this placement does not give the inclination to travel. The typical Jupiter-Taurus citizen seldom enjoys the inconveniences of long journeys and would rather remain safely at home where they can concentrate on multiplying their assets. They savor the idea that; "money works for you even while you sleep," and will invest and reinvest until they have set off a chain reaction of money making money.
Nevertheless, chains, even those made of gold, bind the soul to matter. This solidly established individual can derive so much satisfaction from their possessions that they grow smug and complacent.
Taurus rules fundamental resources while Jupiter supplies the managerial ability to build up commercial enterprises based on their plentiful supply. Therefore, persons with this combination often utilize reserves drawn out of the earth, such as minerals and oil.
They also prosper in businesses connected with ranching, banking, construction, and merchandising. The Jupiterian Taurean likes to think that, by promoting industrial expansion, they are offering the greatest good to the most people.
Even when not personally affluent, they identify with prestigious companies and institutions by purchasing well-known brands of products. They do not believe in charity merely for the sake of keeping people alive, but they can be unendingly generous in supporting projects which help people to help

themselves. They seldom preach to those in need but operate under the assumption that once material wants are satisfied, their minds will naturally turn to higher things.

Jupiter in Gemini

***Keynote*: A variety of intellectual interests enlarge the scope of the mind.**

***Symbol*: A world traveler coordinates plane, train, and bus schedules.**

The person having Jupiter in Gemini aspires to improve themselves materially and spiritually through the cultivation of their mental faculties. They are a great believer in the ability of enlightened thought to solve all problems. Often, they will strive ambitiously for higher education, collecting degrees and traveling far and wide in order to become a well-informed person. They want to know a little bit about everything, to be the quiz kid of the universe, and will strain their brain trying to prove how smart they are. If legitimate channels of mental development are blocked, they may become an inveterate gossip.

This insatiable appetite for new ideas keeps them in perpetual motion as they scout for intriguing tidbits of information. Since Jupiter is in detriment in Gemini, difficulty can arise in joining the expansiveness of the planet with the capacity for minutiae of the sign. Like large and small gears in a machine, they perform different functions. Yet if the gears can be meshed, power and precision combine through the turning of many wheels.

The disadvantage of Jupiter in Gemini lies in its tendency to inflate the mind and incite it to continual nervous activity. The planet of big ideas in the sign of the intellect gives an inclination to be talkative, agitated, and involved in grandiose schemes. Such an individual may become wordy, diffuse, and high-flown, constructing all manner of ingenious arguments to try to justify that which can be known by faith alone. Philosophically and religiously they may be concerned with propounding verbose solutions to a series of artificial conundrums when they would do better to relax and let the wisdom of the universe insinuate itself into them easily and naturally.

The integration of the diverse talents shown by Jupiter in Gemini can lead to achievement of epic proportions. Writers with this combination turn out voluminous quantities of material but tend to ramble.

This placement is propitious for the study of law, philosophy, or any undertaking in which abstract ideas need to be expressed concisely and in detail. It can denote a highly rational intellect capable of conveying profound ideas in concise terms, but it can also confer the ability to pour forth a froth of eloquent oratory without saying anything specific. This knack for formulating fortuitous phrases while avoiding commitment can be invaluable in such professions as politics and diplomacy. A professorial air of erudition will often prove impressive, even to those who are confused about the ideas being propounded.

The Jupiter-Gemini person needs to guard against biting off more than they can eschew. They want to relate everything to everything else in the world so that it all fits into one grand scheme, and it disconcerts them when this cannot be done.
Usually their ideas make sense, and if they can prune them judiciously, people will grasp their meaning without lengthy explanations. They have much to say and can say it well - providing they also knows when to remain silent.

Jupiter in Cancer

***Keynote*: Understanding develops out of sympathetic response to feelings.**
***Symbol*: A hostess graciously receives guests at an open-house party.**
People born with Jupiter in Cancer have a knack for accumulating household possessions. They love to entertain at home, and are charitable and benevolent to all who stir their sympathies. This is a fortunate position, conferring kindly, protective instincts and a tendency to dote on one's family.
When Jupiter is well aspected, astute financial judgment is augmented by sheer good luck. These people often receive money they have not been obliged to earn. They benefit through inheritance and through associations with women. The bread which Jupiter casts forth upon Cancerian waters returns transformed into cake, frosted and accompanied by ice cream.
Jupiter is exalted in Cancer because the principle of expansion is naturally compatible with the sign of nutrition and growth. The time of maximum growth occurs during the childhood period associated with Cancer's ruling planet, the Moon.
Jupiter is the surmounting force in things which enables them to increase in an orderly manner. Its multiplication of particulars into generalities is more than a reproduction of separate uncoordinated units; it demonstrates progressive organization and intelligence.
The disease known as "cancer," in which cells undergo an insane proliferation without regard for the larger organism they are supposed to serve, is an instance where the Jupiterian function of planned expansion has gone awry. There is, however, no statistical evidence associating the disease with the sign of the same name.
People having Jupiter, the planet of faith, in Cancer, sign of the home, usually have a deeply embedded religious orientation absorbed from their parents and from early associations with churches and church-going people. They tend to emphasize the socially constructive aspects of religion and to endorse the idea that "the family that prays together, stays together." The ritual of formal church services accompanied by singing, and enhanced by flowers and colorful vestments, appeals to their emotions and helps them to feel that they are participating in a meaningful way of life. Even when their religion is

but a bow to tradition, it suffuses them with a satisfying sense of group solidarity and of being sustained by something larger than themselves.
Jupiter's affinity for feminine Cancer is corroborated by the phenomenon that, in most cultures, women are the mainstay of the church. The priest also plays a protective role as shepherd and confessor to his flock. Cancer is the sign of the masses whose fundamentally conservative instincts support the moral rectitude of Jupiter.
Since Cancer concerns nutrition, many religious rituals, such as the sacrament of the Eucharist, are climaxed by a mass partaking of food and drink. The rite of eating together gives a sense of being involved in a community of shared purposes and ideals. Hence, the popularity of church suppers and bazaars for fund raising. Indeed, most organized social life revolves around brunches, lunches, teas, dinners, and cocktail parties.
People with Jupiter in Cancer generally are genial hosts and hostesses who are well suited, even on a professional basis, to coordinate the many facets of social protocol with the culinary complexities that contribute to the making of a festive occasion. Consequently, they are often found in clubs, hotels, bars, and restaurants, dispensing refreshments in an attractive setting.
The intimate connection between Jupiter, planet of religion, and Cancer, sign of increase, accounts for the traditional opposition of the church to birth control, despite its historical view of sex as "original sin." The Christian Jupiterian has tended to feel that if sex were really a sin, the Bible would not have quoted God's blessing on Noah and his son's as, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." Their attitude is that it should be possible to enjoy the best of both material and spiritual worlds. Since their mind and instincts are not divided, they are likely to prosper and enjoy their gains without guilt. They are convinced that man was made to consume the gifts of nature and their childlike faith does wonders to ensure their supply of daily bread.

Jupiter in Leo

***Keynote*: The urge to expand results in large-scale planning.**
***Symbol*: A castle on a hill dominates the village below.**

Jupiter in Leo can be almost too bountiful a blend, like butter on sausages, or a birthday on Christmas. The principle of expansion operating through the sign of self-expression enlarges the ego and fills the mind with thoughts of worlds to conquer — or uplift. An awareness of social position can stimulate the ambition to be the best dressed, most esteemed, or most envied member of a particular group. There may be a desire to own more living space, jewels, or worldly goods than any one person needs, not so much for the sake of security, as would be the case with Jupiter in Taurus, but for sheer ostentation.
Conscientious people of this temperament will use their organizational abilities to serve others less fortunate than themselves. Thus, the

combination may be extravagant or generous, overbearing or dignified, demanding or altruistic, depending upon the degree to which egocentricity is expanded into consciousness of human need. The key to the character of this individual is the word "nobility." Either there will be the desire to be considered an aristocrat or there will be the elevation of character which marks the spiritual aristocrat whose position is shown by a sense of noblesse oblige.

This combination is propitious for executive work, especially in government service or in large, well-established enterprises. It denotes the self-assured leader who instinctively considers himself one of the elite. An ability to behave as one "to the manner born" inspires others and may pave the way toward wealth and prestige.

The Jupiter-Leo person knows how to make a good impression, but they need to be sure that they can also deliver the goods. These individuals can be jovial and benevolent, but also somewhat ponderous.

If attracted to religion, they prefer denominations whose rituals involve a measure of pomp, dignity, and ceremony. Philosophically, they tend toward the optimistic belief that the nature of man is constantly improving and that the world itself is progressing toward a higher state.

Jupiter in Leo can be an artistic influence, producing lengthy books, dramatic music, flamboyant paintings, massive statues, and spectacular shows. Its natives are generally quite conscious of appearances and possess richly conservative tastes. Some are inverted snobs whose understated simplicity of dress and manner is more inimitable than ornate and plush affectations.

As a leader, the Jupiterian Leonian embraces expansionistic policies without being radical. They present their ideas as the natural product of their own exceptional wisdom and foresight and expect to be rewarded with a position of responsibility. They do not mind being a figurehead but should make it a point to remember to give credit to those who labor behind the scenes. Above all, they want their life to count for something in the larger scheme of things and they will work ambitiously in order that the world may take note of their presence in it.

Jupiter in Virgo

***Keynote*: Knowledge is systematically accumulated and digested.**

Symbol: A researcher in an enormous library fills his notebook with facts.

Jupiter in Virgo, the sign of its detriment, produces the contrary effects of a large planet caught in the squeeze of the sign of minutiae. The results are comparable to being surfeited with too much of a good thing. There can be mental indigestion and a pedagogical preoccupation with details that allows little leeway for original thinking.

This placement tends toward an intellectual but somewhat materialistic or cynical view of life unless other aspects combine to spiritualize the

personality. Although Jupiter has a visionary side, it is basically conservative. Virgo's insistence upon orderliness in mundane affairs, combined with Jupiter's desire for a universal order, can place so much emphasis on formalities that individual freedom and spontaneity are precluded.

This pseudo-expansive outlook is typified by the science fiction writer who considers himself to be extremely imaginative in conjuring fantastic visions of life as it might be on stars, light years removed from Earth, yet who cannot conceive of anything beyond the strictly mechanistic view of the cosmos left over from nineteenth-century materialism. By projecting their own small shadow upon the backdrop of the universe, they create bigger and better monsters, but little that touches the heart or uplifts the mind.

Jupiter in Virgo tends to envision progress in terms of the multiplication of civilized comforts and the spread of efficient working conditions, rather than as an expansion of consciousness. This type of thinker often feels that if disease could be eradicated, life prolonged, and social institutions improved, humanities existence would automatically become ideal - overlooking the fact that the achievement of greater ease has never yet succeeded in producing a superior breed of human being.

This position is excellent for writing, and especially for literary productions such as anthologies that string together numerous small selections within a larger opus. It gives an ability to live by one's wits, to master the tricks of a trade, and to profit by the shrewd and skillful manipulation of materials at hand. Speculative thought remains anchored to practical considerations, either because of an innate predisposition toward pragmatism or because of the exigencies of earning a living and coping with the problems of an imperfect world.

The combined influences of Jupiter and Virgo usually make a person conservative in their religious outlook, or too skeptical to have any religion at all. They prefer ethics to metaphysics and cannot see why, if all people use their native intelligence and abide by the golden rule Earth should not be as fine a place to live as any theologian's heaven. Their real desire is to expand their field of knowledge and to develop the specialized techniques required to make this information broadly applicable.

Individuals with Jupiter in Virgo are attracted to businesses which manufacture technical equipment or which produce a variety of items for widespread consumption. They have an instinct for handling computers, microcircuits, and all the complicated paraphernalia of modern industry and research. Their mental attitude is in tune with the temper of the present era, in which financial planners aim at unlimited expansion by building up a market for a plethora of small goods and services. Consequently, the typical Jupiterian Virgoan stands an excellent chance of being well adjusted to the commerce-minded world of today.

Jupiter in Libra

***Keynote*: Wisdom is gained through comprehension of the laws of relationships.**

***Symbol*: Richly garbed participants in a pageant perform mystical rites.**

The Jupiterian Libran enjoys bringing people together in congenial surroundings, especially if these gatherings serve a worthy purpose such as the furthering of a political, artistic, or humanitarian enterprise. They can be a genial host and bon vivant, attending to everyone's needs and making their guests feel welcome. With the planet of faith, in the sign of diplomacy, they encourage others by believing in what they are trying to accomplish and by inspiring them with visionary ideas.

Jupiter represents the planning function which gives meaning and direction to the Libran craving for harmoniously proportioned relationships. Social consciousness (Jupiter) grows out of the capacity to interact with others (Libra). Feelings of relatedness expand the self, while the inability to relate diminishes it. Expansion brings life, contraction death. Jupiter in Libra imparts insight into this law of nature which decrees that no one can live for themselves alone if they are to develop into a superior human being.

Swami Vivekananda, whose broad humanitarian outlook exemplified the best side of Jupiter in Libra, expressed his religious sentiments in these words: “Those who want to help mankind must take their own pleasure and pain, name and fame, and all sorts of interests, and make a bundle of them and throw them into the sea, and then come to the Lord. This is what all the masters said and did. Our best work is done; our greatest influence is exerted, when we are without thought of self. Be perfectly resigned, perfectly unconcerned; then alone can you do any true work.”

The shortcomings of Jupiter in Libra stem from being too eager to please. A person may be so avid to win the acceptance of their peers that they are bored with their own company. They focus their hopes and expectations on others (especially the marriage partner) because they fear that they cannot make the grade on their own and must cling to external support. They may be generous because they crave approval, rather than out of any real instinct to give. Their effusiveness is then reminiscent of the old rhyme which alludes to the mutual praise of two famous Oxford historians:

Ladling the butter from adjacent tubs,
Stub's butters Freeman, Freeman butters Stubbs.

At best, Jupiter in Libra bestows humane social instincts and a profound love of order. The religion is one of faith in the ability of mankind to evolve toward a higher condition of being, but it also rests solidly upon tradition. An inherent sense of justice and a conviction that every soul has its rightful place within the great chain of existence contribute to the Libran belief that life has both meaning and purpose. The outlook is rational but interfused with the optimistic expectation that if human beings will willingly cooperate with

nature's divine Plan, they are ultimately destined to progress into a new age of universal peace and prosperity.

Jupiter in Scorpio

***Keynote*: Growth produces a vital transformation.**

***Symbol*: A rosebush in a cemetery bears a mass of blood-red blossoms.**

The person with Jupiter in Scorpio is not afraid to hitch their wagon to a star, but they take care to grease the axles and check the wheels of the vehicle in which they ride. They know how to think big and at the same time are willing to dirty their hands by undertaking the practical work of the world.

Their talent for converting natural resources into useful products may attract them to fields connected with chemistry, engineering, and pollution control. This individual may also be a discerning psychologist; one who can assist people endeavoring not only to adjust to the circumstances of the world, but also to reconstruct themselves from within.

Jupiter and Scorpio combine to give a flair for business and finance. Frequently, these people prosper because they are willing to take the trouble to dig out necessary information, to get down to essentials, and to bide their time until a situation is ripe for development. They amass wealth because they so strongly desire and expect success in all their enterprises. Theirs is an almost mystical faith in the power of money to breed more money and, consequently, more power. There may be an almost sublime self-confidence which transcends ordinary egotism, as in the case of Napoleon who firmly believed that he was born under a lucky star which predestined him to dominate the affairs of Europe.

The expansiveness of Jupiter functioning through the sign of sex and death bespeaks the possibility of directing the procreative energies into higher creative channels. Immortality is sought, not through the begetting of children, but through some great work which endures after its progenitor has passed from the scene.

If the impetuousness of the Martial side of Scorpio overwhelms the more seasoned wisdom of Jupiter, the desire for extraordinary sensations can induce reckless experimentation with drugs and intoxicants which push and expand the walls of everyday consciousness. Jupiter supplies the urge to sanctify such practices by treating them as a religious sacrament.

The Plutonian element gives the fascination with secret societies and ceremonial magic which accounts for the current resurgence of occult and quasi-occult practices among "hippies," "trippies," "mysties," and similarly inclined adventurers into inner space.

It imparts the desire to strip away the veil that conceals nature’s deeper mysteries and to discover hitherto unrevealed catacombs of the mind.

Jupiter in Scorpio may also lead to a preoccupation with the mystique of sex. Negatively, sexual and religious impulses combine to generate a fanaticism which either represses or over-expresses the erotic impulses. Positively,

personal desires may be sublimated into devotion to a grand and noble ideal. Self-transcendence may be sought through the raising and redirection of the psychic forces, as for instance, in the practice of Kundalini Yoga.
This is not a sex-denying placement. As a natural expression of the law of attraction in a bipolar universe, the reproductive instinct is more likely to be deified than denigrated. Sex may be an enjoyable pastime, but somehow this individual wants to feel that it has larger implications — that it can result in expanded consciousness as well as in the production of progeny.

Jupiter in Sagittarius

***Keynote*: The mind encompasses a broad range of interests.**
***Symbol*: Friars prepare monastery wine for world distribution.**

Jupiter in Sagittarius often brings uncommonly fine fortune in matters of finance. It can lavish its favors as extravagantly as it did upon multimillion-heiresses Barbara Hutton and Doris Duke (born only eight days apart), or it can make a poor person content with their lot.
Thus, the impoverished artist Vincent van Gogh was enabled to continue painting because of the extraordinary generosity of his brother Theo who supported him during his productive years despite the fact that no pictures were sold.
People under strong Jupiter aspects may not receive what they themselves have earned but frequently destiny compensates with a bonus from outside sources.
Here in its own sign, genial Jupiter rules handsomely over the domain of travel, metaphysics, serious literature, and sports — all of which imply the luxury of a fair degree of leisure and prosperity if they are to be properly enjoyed.
The affairs that come under the aegis of Sagittarius lead beyond the cares and anxieties of the struggle to earn a living. They enlarge man's mental horizons and add zest and interest to his earthly sojourn.
Jupiter is the planet of hope, and the games and intellectual divertissements associated with Sagittarius set the goals people require to keep their hopes in high gear.
This combination is conducive to an interest in religion and philosophy. The affinity of Jupiter for both finance and religion is shown in the attention given by churches to money matters, such as fund-raising campaigns. They assume that having done their best for their religion in this world, they should be assured of their place in heaven.
Regardless of whether theirs is a religious bent, most people having this combination tend to be prophetic and inspirational. They have a capacity to impress others with their vision of how much better everything might be.
However, they need to guard against the peculiarly Sagittarian vice of hypocrisy. Because they frequently find themselves in positions of power and

prestige, they are often more to blame for the good they fail to do than for any deliberate misbehavior.
The typical Jupiterian Sagittarian is conservative, wanting to do the recognized "right" thing and to please the crowd. This desire for popularity can induce them to take the easy way out rather than run the risk of falling into disfavor.
Nevertheless, they sincerely want to help others and try to inspire them to help themselves to a more bountiful way of life.

Jupiter in Capricorn

***Keynote*: Expansion is expedited in prudent, conscientious ways.**
***Symbol*: The president of a large corporation negotiates a merger.**
The desire of the person with Jupiter in Capricorn to be both financially secure and recognized for their largesse, can create a paradox of economy and extravagance that is baffling to behold. This position may produce the wealthy person who will not part with a dime they are not obliged to spend on the necessities of life, but who will unhesitatingly invest thousands in a luxurious yacht. They are enabled to enjoy their lavishness in good conscience by justifying the expense on the grounds that they need to entertain their business associates and maintain an affluent professional image.
Basically, the effect of Jupiter in Saturn's sign is to inflate ambition and give a keen interest in financial matters. Individuals with this placement have the driving ambition to win the success which allows them to operate on a grand scale. However, since Jupiter is in its fall in Capricorn, they generally have some problem which prevents them from enjoying their money as much as they should. They may be rich and still feel poor because of early deprivations, or they may have so many responsibilities that their money is wrenched away from them as fast as they make it. All too often they find that when at last they can afford to have steak every night, they have no teeth left with which to chew it.
Jupiter-Capricorn people work in a practical and conservative manner without the inclination to indulge in risky speculation. They conduct their affairs according to the tried-and-true rules of tradition and are satisfied with slow growth and gradual gain. Generally, they flourish in business and when given the opportunity to manage established enterprises of proven merit, they justify the faith invested in them. They want to know precisely where they stand financially and to feel that the ground is solid beneath their feet. Even when making casual purchases they prefer to rely on brand names and recognized authorities as an assurance of quality and reliability.
This position is conducive to a career in government, politics, or large corporations where business is carried on impersonally and strictly according to protocol. Jupiter's philanthropic astuteness gives a knack for figuring ways in which tax benefits can be gained through donations to socially approved

causes. The altruistic impulse may be quite real but it is likely to be reinforced by practical considerations. The proximity of Jupiter and Saturn and their related signs shows the propensity of businessmen to support foundations which stimulate the growth of a variety of worthy enterprises.

Under affliction, these individuals can find themselves on a short tether. Excesses which most people can sweep under the rug catch up with them and, like the traditional scapegoat, they may also have to suffer for the mistakes of others. Saturn's justice is strict and impartial — an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. Consequently, Saturnian Jupiterians should be prepared to account for whatever they do.

As leaders, they will be acutely conscious of the obligation to live up to their own reputation. Having achieved the position of eminence for which they have labored, they may be obliged to pay the price once more in a sense of isolation and loneliness. Then they should try to forget their dignity and enjoy the simple pleasures of life without worrying about an image to be maintained or an impression to be made.

Jupiter in Aquarius

***Keynote*: A broadened viewpoint produces new patterns of perception.**
***Symbol*: A spacecraft orbiting the Earth sends back televised pictures.**

Jupiter in Aquarius is a liberal combination in which Jupiterian philosophy blends with Aquarian science to enlarge the outlook. In this position, the humanitarian side of Jupiter takes precedence over its religious propensities. There is less preaching and more teaching. Instruction is imparted as much by example as by words.

These individuals have inventive minds which are well adapted to promoting comprehensive programs of a philanthropic nature. They may, however, grow impatient when they find their efforts thwarted by critics who appear incapable of grasping the magnitude of their vision. They also resent being bound by practical considerations and inadequate materials, for their thoughts dwell more on future possibilities than on present limitations.

The Jupiterian Aquarian often becomes involved in the handling and distribution of money in the interest of social, scientific, or charitable enterprises. The mind turns to abstract scientific research such as that connected with the space program.

People of this type may be drawn to some branch of government service where they can promulgate progressive measures designed to strengthen democracy in practical ways, and may be at their best working abroad.

Individuals born with this combination are suited to positions which require them to think in terms of universal principles and to plan ways for facilitating the distribution of resources. They honestly believe that they are their brother's keeper and want to live up to this obligation to care for others.

Since Jupiter, unless afflicted, has a touch of the conservative in its makeup, evolution rather than revolution will be their preferred method for bringing about desired improvement.
This is an auspicious placement for administrative work. Friends and associates often prove helpful in securing advancement. Smoothly blended, the energies of Jupiter and Aquarius produce the ideal democrat with a knack for handling groups of people. They will uphold the concept of human rights because they know that the interests of the majority cannot be served unless equal opportunity is granted to every individual.
Jupiterian benevolence tempers the scientific detachment of this sign and gives a genuine desire to serve the needy. Yet it is Aquarian science which provides the complex techniques which must be developed in order to release and process nature's products. The ease with which these two influences harmonize is shown by the magnitude of the funds made available for scientific research by the government, as well as by private foundations.
Even if they have little wealth of their own, the Jupiterian Aquarian should try to obtain a position where, like the symbolic person with the water urn, they can pour their energies into a worthy cause. If they realize the higher potentialities of this placement, they will be the kind of person who can never live for themselves alone, but who is profoundly aware of the really important issues which arise in the milieu in which they function.

Jupiter in Pisces

***Keynote*: Broadening relationships foster expansions of consciousness.**
***Symbol*: A group of hymn-singing pilgrims approaches a great cathedral.**
People having Jupiter in Pisces are blessed with the spirit of charity. They may be serious in their underlying attitudes, but a genial and benevolent manner prevents them from appearing unduly ponderous or dogmatic in their expressions of opinion. Their subtle sense of humor can be applied to the problem of presenting philosophically perplexing ideas in a palatable form. They are innately visionary, and their capacity to see life in a broad perspective helps them to retain a light touch, even when enmeshed in difficulties.
Many Jupiterian Pisceans are religiously inclined, even to the point of mysticism. Since Jupiter in this position is too all embracing to fit the mold of sectarian theology, they look upon conventional doctrines as divisive forces in the life of humanity, and try instead to fit everything into a comprehensive world-view.
These individuals may be profoundly concerned with the metaphysical issues of life, death, and the hereafter, but they need to find their own answers and to experience truth for themselves. Although the Piscean influence tends toward introspection, it is not incompatible with Jupiterian expansiveness.

The lesson of this combination is that real growth must imply an evolution of consciousness as well as an increase in the size and complexity of the physical organism, and that these inner and outer processes are carried forward simultaneously.
On the negative side, the mind of the person born with this prolix planet in the sign of mysticism can be so inflationary that they have difficulty keeping their feet on the ground. An accent on this combination can lead to extravagance, exaggeration, and resulting exasperation when events fail to materialize as anticipated. Such an individual may expect too much and then, when their unrealistic hopes are not realized, they feel punctured and deflated. Often they are buoyed by a sublime faith in the power of prayer, when decisive action would bring quicker, more efficacious results.

SATURN through the Signs

Saturn in Aries
***Keynote*: Controls are enforced assertively.**
***Symbol*: Administrators try to impose law and order upon unruly populace.**
Since Mars is aggression and Saturn is restraint, the presence of Saturn in the Martial sign Aries implies military discipline. This stressful combination shows the conflict between crude force and organized power which makes it necessary to set limits and boundaries. Saturn's fall in Aries describes the arduousness of imposing the laws of society upon the raw exuberance of primitive nature.
The Sun gives life and Saturn gives form. As the most remote planet of the ancient world, Saturn draws lines which define all particularized entities.
At best, Saturn in Aries indicates a strong sense of self-reliance and a keenness for duty that impels one to persist indomitably through all vicissitudes. Strong measures are required to accomplish rough work. This individual may not lead an easy life for they will be compelled to pit their strength against seemingly insuperable obstacles. Usually, they will succeed simply because no matter how difficult the going becomes they continue to persevere.
People of this type sometimes react against limitations by becoming 'disciplinarians' who assert themselves in aggressively authoritarian ways. They may have had trouble standing up to a demanding father, and compensate by becoming demanding parents themselves. A driving ambition militates against harmony in interpersonal relations. They are seldom sociable, since the capacity to exercise control and to command respect demands a certain aloofness.
Saturn in Aries suggests driving the car with the brakes on. Energetic action alternates with enforced delay, producing false starts, spasmodic motion, and

inner wear and tear. In all Mars/Saturn alliances, contradictory pressures can result in a puritanical inhibition of fundamental instincts which smolder irritably beneath a rigid exterior until they erupt in volcanic outbursts of temper.
Despite a strong drive for stability, the unruly nature of the material to be subdued makes it difficult to impose lasting order.
Only the slow process of time and growth can afford the maturity to realize that freedom must be won through discipline, and that there need be no ultimate dissension between the spontaneity of Aries and the restraint of Saturn.
The incompatibility between glacial Saturn and igneous Mars augments the tendency for the planet of finality to feel misplaced in the sign of beginnings. Metaphysically, the fall of Saturn in Aries makes one responsible for their actions. It implies that the certainty of death is present from the very start of life.
Symbolically, Aries thinks it can be whatever it wants to be. Saturn hidden in the depths of the sign insists that an entity can become only what it inherently is. The conflict between self-will and fatalism must be contested around the zodiac before these clashing attitudes are reconciled and the individual realizes that, just as in the beginning their spiritual essence was free to determine it's own destiny, all the time they were, because of their divine nature, predestined to be free.

Saturn in Taurus

***Keynote*: Conservation of resources results in cautious, prudent behavior.**
***Symbol*: A farmer constructs a strong fence around his property.**
In Taurus the weightiness of Saturn is reinforced by the denseness of the sign of material solidity. This amalgamation of hardness and fixity can lead either to strength of purpose or to rigid obstinacy - or to both at once. It gives firmness of character, moral rectitude, and the determination to overcome obstacles through hard work.
This placement is not auspicious for get-rich-quick schemes but compensates by thrift and adherence to the straight-and-narrow path of duty. Its instinct to stabilize and reinforce foundations discourages undue expansion. This consolidating urge does not necessarily grow out of fear or timidity but may be based on a realistic need to retrench after the excesses of over-optimistic Jupiter.
Since both Saturn and Taurus are associated with the earth element, this can be a congenial combination of practical influences. Saturn is exalted in the positive Venusian sign Libra, showing an ability to mold the profusion of nature into forms of beauty and significance. Venus tempers Saturn’s austerity with love of beauty while prudent Saturn restrains the Venusian taste for luxury.

People conditioned by Saturn in Taurus are usually extremely careful with their money. An inordinate craving for material security is intensified by an abhorrence of being dependent on others, especially in old age. If they do become wealthy it is because they pinch their pennies parsimoniously. When other factors add to the austerity of this combination, it can settle into a frugality bordering on miserliness. Although it does not show how much money a person is likely to acquire, it does to some extent indicate their psychological attitude toward the question of financial security.

Since Saturn spends approximately two and a half years in each sign, it cannot be too closely associated with any particular profession. It is more likely to denote one's approach to the necessity of earning a living, especially when considered in terms of house position and aspects. Saturn in any earth sign is propitious for work in the physical sciences. It betokens an ability to define problems, to restrict variables to manageable proportions, and to concentrate on the task on hand in order to master a specific set of factors.

Saturn is the law and Taurus is nature. Therefore, the individual conditioned by these influences is keenly aware of the importance of abiding by nature's laws and usually tries to follow their precepts to the best of his/her ability. A brittle 'common sense' may override the softer sensuousness of Venus to the point where being sensible may be taken to mean giving credence only to the limited set of impressions admitted to the mind through the constricted portals of the five senses.

Even when the Saturnian Taurean ventures into the realms of the occult, they still make it a point to insist that supernatural phenomenon are 'super-lawful' - that is, both natural and lawful to a heightened degree.

The patience of Taurus, plus the ability to be careful and cautious which is so much a part of Saturn's influence, complement each other here. This individual is long-suffering and will patiently cope and plod on to accomplish whatever most concerns them. However, the combination of the luxury-loving side of Taurus and the prudence of Saturn (too often turning into meanness or frugality) can cause considerable conflict.

There is little doubt that they are ambitious and want to make money. Saturn also brings a tendency to social climbing within the context of its ambitious qualities. As a result, this placing can encourage a steady climb toward the objectives in life.

Caution, patience, persistence and sometimes an over-rigid routine and discipline are common. The way in which the emotions are expressed may also be inhibited, although one is usually very kind. Generally, objects that are functional will be preferred to those that are beautiful.

Saturn in Gemini

***Keynote*: The mind concentrates on concrete facts.**

***Symbol*: A student copies information from an encyclopedia.**

Despite its reputation for dourness, Saturn functions constructively in Gemini where it organizes the diffusive energies of this notoriously scatterbrained sign. Saturn's discipline gives the ability to reason cautiously and to erect a valid and enduring structure of thought. The mind labors with painstaking scrupulosity toward ultimate conclusions, and the results achieved justify the time and labor expended.

The negative side of this combination is exposed when insistence on taking control demands the sacrifice of spontaneity. Saturn's placement in Gemini gives a serious mental outlook and, if afflicted, a liability to depression. Such a person may congratulate themselves on being a realist, when actually he is only a cynic or a pessimist. There is a tendency to assume that only the world of matter is real, without questioning the basis of this belief. Frequently, faith in the future is insufficient to overcome a gloomy preoccupation with present limitations.

All Saturn/Mercury (*Mercury "rules" Gemini*) alliances are suggestive of an authoritarian adult insisting that a child cease their chattering and settle down to work. It is a relief to have the child sit docilely and behave, but it is also a pity to see their high spirits inhibited. Saturn in Gemini often gives precociousness with an inclination with an inclination to take life seriously and to concentrate on scholastic endeavors. The mind has a cautious and calculating bent useful in science, research, and tasks requiring the ability to make precise measurements, computations and comparisons. This position is auspicious for the teaching profession, although Saturn confers a tendency toward the strictness of the old-fashioned schoolmaster who insists on unquestioning obedience and who falls back upon the dictates of defunct authorities. Nevertheless, such a person generally knows their facts and can explain them with clarity.

The Saturnian Geminian is more apt to travel for duty than for pleasure, and is prone to suffer mishaps on journeys. Most people of this type would rather remain within the confines of an office or laboratory, writing reports, checking figures, isolating variables, and taking as much time as is necessary to reach unassailably correct conclusions. The women make competent secretaries and technicians. Security and reliability are preferred to the unsettling ferment of venturous ideas.

Examples of the expression of Saturn in Mercury's sign are the polished writings of Sigmund Freud and Thomas Merton, and the intellectual fortitude of Margaret Sanger and Eleanor Roosevelt. Even when innate talent is lacking, success may be achieved through dogged persistence. Failures are likely to result from holding back through fearfulness and lack of self-confidence.

Gemini transmits the light of intelligence. Saturn constructs a crystalline lens through which this diffused glow can be focused. At best, Saturn's discipline of the mind concentrates the rays of knowledge into a beam which pierces

the darkness of man's ignorance and reveals a clearly defined segment of truth.

Saturn in Cancer

***Keynote*: Practical considerations restrict emotional spontaneity.**
***Symbol*: A summer chill forces people to close their windows.**

From a superficial viewpoint, one would expect Saturn to be happy in Cancer, since the orthodoxy of the planet blends with the conservatism of the sign, and cool Saturn resembles the watery Moon in its preoccupation with the past. Yet the home (Cancer) is the last place one wants or needs austere, ambitious Saturn. Cancer is soft, feminine, and lax in temperament, while Saturn is precise, disciplined, and unbending.

Consequently, Saturn is in detriment in Cancer, and people strongly influenced by this antithetical combination are often oppressed by the hard circumstances of their personal lives. They worry about their loved ones and are fearful and insecure without really knowing why. Early deprivations may have constricted their feeling nature. Under affliction, an unconscious defensiveness causes them to retreat into a shell and to become "crabby" and self-absorbed.

This position sometimes gives a sense of inadequacy in matters relating to the home. Badly aspected, there may be a melancholy insistence on duty, resulting in that depressing phenomenon known as "the martyr mother." Such a mother may be a martyr more because she lacks confidence and is afraid to strike out on her own than because anyone forces her to remain within the walls of her home. Watery Cancer can dissolve the organizing power of Saturn so that, for all her protestations, poor Mom may not be working as slavishly as she would have her anxious relatives believe.

On the other hand, people who can rise to Saturn's discipline may use the protective force of Cancer to become champions of the poor and downtrodden. Strength of character has been built into them from their earliest years.

All strong Saturn-Moon aspects can give rise to a fixation on one or both parents. Complexes stem from ambivalent feelings about the way of life they represent. The native may turn away from their ancestral tradition and still find themselves inextricably bound by childhood habits too ingrained to be repudiated. Unless they can free themselves from infantile fears and anxieties, their increasing isolation from the world may compel them to endure a lonesome old age.

Yet in the cosmic scheme, Saturn in Cancer is as useful as any other placement, and as conducive to ultimate harmony. Metaphysically, it teaches the lesson that death is hidden in the womb of life. The irresponsible proliferation of Cancer must be checked if cells, goods, and people are to be prevented from multiplying indefinitely and thereby causing the slow

suffocation of all creatures. Control is needed in the home as much as, if not more than, anywhere else.

Saturn in Leo

Keynote*:* A sense of personal responsibility motivates authoritative behavior.

Symbol*:* A knight fastens on a weighty suit of armor.

Saturn in Leo the sign of its detriment, is the autocrat of the zodiac. Aloof and self-contained, they stand apart from the crowd even though it clamors for their leadership. Their personal austerity hardens the walls of their ego, impelling them to isolate themselves in lonely splendor.

They can be oppressed with the sense that much is expected of them; for they realize that the position they have won carries grave moral obligations.

As a leader they are inclined to be conservative. The willingness to enforce discipline seldom endears them to others. Saturnian Leonians are revered and respected, but they are often fated to forgo the warmth of intimate associations with congenial companions.

Consequently, they may feel that their scrupulous hard work has gone unappreciated, and quite probably it has, since Saturn's nature is ordinarily too somber to evoke the lighter side of this sign of pleasure and gaiety.

The person born with Saturn in Leo needs love as much as anyone, but may find it difficult to unbend. As a result, they often appear more cold and calculating in matters of romance than they really are. Saturn, in this sign of the heart, restricts the areas of life where one most needs to be free and spontaneous, while its inhibiting influence produces intractable complexes about expressing affection.

This position can be particularly hard on children. The parent having a Saturn/Leo child must make a special effort to maintain warmth and togetherness in the family circle and not to cement the child's innate tendency to feel repressed and unloved by too strict an emphasis on duty.

With regard to vocation this person would do well to obtain a responsible position which allows them to exercise authority constructively. They are capable of achieving a powerful place in government and politics through their ability to get to the core of a problem and to establish order where chaos prevails.

In business, their cool efficiency is the mark of an administrator who will put company welfare above personal concerns.

Here Saturn can be a helpful influence moderating the enthusiasm of Leo and focusing its vital forces.

Saturn in the sign of the Sun generates a serious attitude toward creative work in the field of the arts. It makes a perfectionist who will take the time and trouble to achieve the right effects and who will work diligently to develop required skills.

By the same token, mothers with this position usually insist that their children contribute in an organized way to the running of the household.
People with Saturn in Leo tend to feel that human nature is basically unregenerate and must, therefore, be rigorously restrained. Often they find themselves compelled to play the role of disciplinarian. If they concentrate on ***self***-discipline, however, this combination promises success through sustained effort and a realistic appraisal of one's own talent and potential.
Such individuals command obedience and respect because they are willing to work to prove themselves worthy of the trust invested in them.
Strength of will, determination, excellent organizing ability and loyalty are present here. There is a tendency to take life very seriously, and the warm fiery qualities of Leo may not emerge unless other planets also occupy this sign. Even then, Saturn can cloud the Leonine Sun.
The worst faults are autocracy and a total inability to accept limitations; pride very often does precede some pretty heavy falls for these people.
There can be self-inflicted restrictions perhaps because of the need to succeed in a burning ambition. Once a line of action has been decided upon, there is little or no let-up of effort. Nevertheless, the ability to cope with situations and to organize (and strictly discipline) others, especially in an emergency, is second to none.
If these qualities can be positively expressed, much that is admirable can result. However, loyalty can be misplaced and their sense of values may lose their perspective.
When the negative side of the placing is evident it can be because the childhood was organized along military lines, with the strictest of routines and disciplines, so that it is difficult to forsake this early training. Formality and general tightness may also be characteristic.
The authoritative inner voice of Saturn will can sometimes be like that of a schoolmaster or Sergeant Major, forcing the person to take certain lines of action because they are what is expected, even if it would be better to respond more sympathetically, both to their own needs and feelings, and to the situation in question.
Since Leo rules the back and spine and Saturn the bones, one is encouraged to take special care of the spine. Sitting well when at a desk, sensible exercise to strengthen the spine, and so on, are most desirable.

Saturn in Virgo

***Keynote*: Achievement rests on work well done.**
***Symbol*: A professor quotes the dictionary as a final authority.**
Saturn and Virgo make a compatible pair, since the solidity of Saturn complements the earthiness of this sign. Virgo is ruled by Mercury, a planet with which Saturn blends most advantageously because the Mercurial intellect requires the discipline of Saturnian restraint if it is to function effectively. Since Saturn reinforces Virgo's already practical nature, this

combination bestows mental stability and moral rectitude, as well as analytic ability.
Saturn's caution and efficiency are especially salubrious with regard to such typically Virgoan matters as diet, health, sanitation, and employment. Virgo arranges facts and figures while Saturn ensures the correctness and proper application of the data supplied. Virgo also has a flair for words, which Saturn organizes with consummate skill, making this position favorable for literary pursuits.
Saturn in Virgo can be an isolating influence, producing a retiring and solitary disposition. Because of their ability to work alone and avoid distractions, people of this temperament often accomplish a great deal.
They cannot tolerate sloppiness or imprecision and are willing to toil without much encouragement, motivated primarily by their determination to do the job properly. They want their products to be of lasting value and will check each fine detail for accuracy.
The Saturn-Virgo individual may be prone to moods of depression. Idleness gives them time to fret. They need to keep busy in order to allay their anxieties. Moderate misery motivates them to accomplishment, and since life usually provides this negative incentive, they may become quite successful. People of this type are sometimes considered dull in their youth, but later find their appropriate niche.
The Saturnian Virgoan is frugal, fastidious, and discriminating in diet. They may suffer from the Virgoan bugaboo of hypochondria and conjure up hypothetical indispositions to account for the lack of vital energy which leaves them feeling vaguely depressed.
Frequently, their digestive disturbances are all too real, even though based on "nerves." Yet regardless of how they worry about their job, their health, or their digestive tract, they plod along methodically and achieves results beyond their expectations.
Religiously, Saturn in Virgo may deem themselves a miserable sinner, although, in fact, they may be more miserable from lack of sinning than from its excess. Even when their conscience does not prevent them from doing wrong it can prevent them from enjoying it.
They are acutely aware of their own shortcomings, as well as of the failings of others, and are exceedingly cautious in selecting the people or institutions in whom they put their faith. This somber outlook may be justified by the difficulties of their life but they need to beware that a melancholy attitude does not worsen their situation.
Even if it hurts, they should try every now and then to have a good laugh at the world in its absurdly serious play. In this respect, they can learn a lesson from Lewis Carroll, a bachelor clergyman and mathematics professor who, despite his reputation for being an abysmally boring lecturer, somehow managed to write Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

Adherence to routine and practical activity are present with this placing. A sense of duty is common, since it is natural for most of those with this Saturn sign to work hard and methodically. As is the case with most Virgoan emphases there is careful attention to detail and, because Saturn encourages caution, an element of patience, as this person is usually not fond of shortcuts. There is also considerable prudence and modesty.
The self-confidence is usually undermined and, especially in young people, causes shyness. If one can realize that this placing provides an anchorage, its more inhibitive elements can be countered and the practical caution it endows will be used in positive ways.
If the individual holds a position of authority over others, they are warned that being too strict and demanding could alienate employees. Adherence to discipline, a powerful critical sense and a liking for perfection will set in them high standards, and they will expect the same from others. Unless they are kind and sensitive, with a good sense of humor, they may seem distant, cool, rather sarcastic and sometimes prone to carping.
All of which is, indeed, a way to describe the inner authoritative voice, which may criticize the self at every opportunity, thereby eroding self-confidence. Possibly the parents were very critical when the subject was little. They should also realize that obsessive tendencies may build up, especially in times of stress, but that such habits must be broken if possible.

Saturn in Libra

***Keynote*: Beauty is won through duty done.**

***Symbol*: City planners formulate blueprints for urban redevelopment.**

Saturn in Libra gives the balanced judgment which inspires trust. This person will manage their affairs with a personal rectitude which is also expressed in their dress, manner of speaking, and general conduct. They believe in fidelity in marriage, honesty in business, good form and propriety in social relationships, and generally behave like a responsible citizen. They seldom lose faith in the universal dictum, ‘As you sow, so shall you reap’.
Saturn is the law and Libra is the balance. The exaltation of Saturn in Libra shows that the balance of nature (Venus) is the primary law of the world. Laws serve to maintain equilibrium and harmony between the parts of a larger totality. Saturn is exalted in the sign in which the Sun has its fall because the individualism of the self-seeking human ego must now be subordinated to the welfare of the group.
Through the Libran institutions of marriage and partnership, people gradually realize the deeper implications of the laws which bind them into communities of shared purposes and ideals. The egotist cannot demonstrate the balance, poise, and judgment to which Libra aspires. It is the people one meets who teach the most valuable lessons of thrift, self-abnegation, and restraint.
Therefore, at this midway point of the zodiac, one starts to reap the fruit of the seeds sown during the first half of the journey through the signs. Those

qualities that a person has refused to adjust to in their own character they now must face in their friends, their foes, and especially in their marriage partner. Thus, they find themselves in others.
Since the person with Saturn in Libra has an innate respect for the principle of cause and effect, they may thrive in the legal profession or in a scientific career. They can be a fair minded administrator or a conscientious statesperson, while their sense of timing makes them a canny diplomat. They may also succeed in artistic pursuits that demand firm control over their materials and a mastery of the laws of form.
This combination of seriousness and sensuousness is typified in the verse of Saturn-in-Libra poet William Butler Yeats, who wrote:
I find under the boughs of love and hate,
In all poor foolish things that live a day,
Eternal beauty wandering on her way
Saturn makes Libra's relationships lawful. Hence, the scales of justice are held aloft by a blindfolded Venus, who is not really blind but merely impartial, as true justice must be. Balance is achieved through the administration of equal rights under the law, but it also works out in the realm of Venus through artistic accomplishment.
Venusian love wields the scales of justice, but Saturnian discipline holds the key to beauty. No artist ever created anything of lasting loveliness without first submitting to the laws of their craft, exercising restraint, and weighing each part against every other.
Then we understand the meaning of the words of William MacCall:
Straight is the line of Duty,
Curved is the line of Beauty,
Follow the straight line, thou shalt see
The curved line ever follow thee.
Despite the longing for a permanent emotional relationship, it may be avoided or sacrificed for some reason, perhaps due to sexual inhibition or an inability to express the emotions freely. Any external reason will probably be mere justification - the real one will definitely go much deeper.
Saturn's inner authoritative voice from this sign can sharpen the conscience by arousing a guilty sense of shame. There may have been a parent who always grumbled and was never satisfied with what the individual produced or did.

Saturn in Scorpio

***Keynote*: Power derives from control of the basic forces of nature.**
***Symbol*: A nuclear reactor is heavily encased with lead.**
The seriousness of Saturn blends naturally with the secretiveness of Scorpio. Saturn gives the restraint to keep secrets so that a reserved exterior may conceal an active inner life. The character is deep, subtle, masterful, and difficult to fathom.

Since Scorpio's co-ruler, Pluto, is lord of the underworld, and Saturn rules the mineral kingdom, this combination can produce the would-be plutocrat who endeavors to gain control over a substantial share of the earth's resources. A knack for business and finance may pay off handsomely, especially if investments are made in mines, oil wells, and "the excremental industries" which break down substances and produce waste products which must be disposed of.

The ambition to make money is fed by a desire for the control money brings. The ability to influence people by pulling strings behind the scenes leads by slow, persistent, and indirect stages to the attainment of the power sought.

Often these individuals would rather work deviously than take straightforward action. They make effective detectives and espionage agents who, despite their extreme caution, do not avoid danger. The enemy is ruthlessly tracked down, whether this be a criminal, a psychoneurosis, a flaw in a machine, the germ of a disease, a fallacy in a theory, or an error in reasoning. They will continue analyzing and testing in a dogged, impersonal way until the culprit is exposed.

Saturn in Scorpio can denote emotional repressions and deep psychological complexes relating to financial security, sex, and the disposal of wastes.

In Scorpio, Saturn's chilling influence tends to freeze the surface of the emotions and thwart the fires of Mars. There is an aversion to betraying personal feelings even when the inner life is in turmoil. These individuals generally prefer to stand silently in the background and observe the fuss and commotion of human affairs without becoming overtly involved. Yet they are keenly perceptive and capable of enforcing their demands once they decide what should be done.

Scorpians seldom play lightly with the affections of others and they expect their own highly sensitive feelings to be treated with respect. In love, their passions are fixed and enduring, but there can be a domineering and jealous insistence upon having their own way.

Intensely proud, though seldom vain, they hate being wrong and like even less to admit it when they are. If deceived by their beloved, they can reveal a streak of cruelty making them capable of premeditated revenge, or they can retreat into a shell and resolve to forgo the uncertain business of love altogether.

Whatever the Saturnian Scorpian does, they usually do purposefully, for they refuse to expend their energies on frivolities. Even when playing a game, they are aware that they are gaining physical and mental prowess. They make it a point to observe their performance closely in order to rectify mistakes others would let pass. This deliberately cultivated awareness often leads to the success they crave.

This position often gives an element of dark, brooding intensity which can make its presence felt even in charts where other indications show extrovert and enthusiastic qualities. There is usually a tremendous sense of purpose

and determination, and emotional energy will be generously spent on attaining objectives.
An excellent and shrewd business sense is perhaps one of the most powerful qualities of this Saturn placing. These people can do extremely well in big business or the international money markets. A certain heaviness is usually countered by a marvelously offbeat sense of humor, and in spite of the usual Saturnian caution, often in relation to overspending, Scorpio knows how to live it up and enjoys excellent food and wine.
On the negative side obsessive tendencies are all too likely, with determination becoming extreme stubbornness. Sadly, there is sometimes a rather cruel streak; once really set on achieving a demanding objective, this person may be ruthless in attaining it. One is encouraged to cultivate sympathy and greater consideration of others. Much hard work will be carried out, and an emotional involvement in the profession is often essential - even if the basic motivation is to make money, this is enough to put them on the road to success.
The sex life can be complex: sometimes a full and rewarding expression is inhibited, and as a result the individual can feel dissatisfied in this sphere of life. It may be that Saturn's inner authoritative voice will instill jealousy and envy, and if this is not fought against with tooth and claw it will have a very negative effect on the personality and, sometimes, physical well-being.

Saturn in Sagittarius

***Keynote*: Limitation is enforced for the sake of long-range expansion.**
***Symbol*: A yogi sits cross-legged in silent meditation.**

The Saturnian-Sagittarian is serious about their hopes and goals. This position gives the capacity to concretize ideas and to bring abstract concepts down to earth. In this respect, Saturn is like a crystal which concentrates the light of the Sagittarian mind into a flame that can start a fire. Sagittarius, in turn, warms the austere formality of Saturn with a genial glow.
As the planet of responsibility, Saturn is well placed in strongly motivated Sagittarius. This blending often results in an ability to direct people's thoughts into designated channels and thereby to prosper in an administrative capacity.
While Saturn in Taurus molds matter, and Saturn in Libra molds forms, Saturn in Sagittarius is a molder of ideas. The forward-rushing enthusiasm is slowed down by weighty considerations and momentous concerns. Those capable of responding to the positive side of this combination feel compelled to take practical action to substantiate their belief in the higher evolution of mankind. They feel that steady and continued progress can be made through realistic planning and the passage of laws and regulations designed to make better use of human energies – that is to say, through more enlightened administrative procedure and governmental supervision.

This position is noted for its persistence. Mental maturity comes late in life, but brings success at a time when other people have passed their creative peak. The work accomplished may require years to ripen but it is solid and fruitful.

Sagittarius lightens Saturn's conservatism, making the disposition more cheerful and independent. Thriftiness gives way to the altruism of the hardheaded business magnate who becomes a philanthropist in their later years. Sagittarian benevolence mitigates the acquisitiveness of Saturn with genuine generosity and a sense of responsibility toward all who are in need.

Afflicted, this can be a tediously moralizing position, complacently self-assured. However, this person tries to be trustworthy and to practice what they preach. At best, they temper dignity with the sense of humor and proportion which comes from taking a broad view of life.

Religiously, Sagittarius imbues people with a desire to look beyond themselves and to put their faith in a superior order of being. Saturn sets boundaries which deflect these currents of mental aspiration back to the thinker.

Thus, the person whose Saturnian and Jupiterian functions blend may find that the best way out is in. Their God is not to be sought somewhere in the sky, but may be revealed through a prolonged discipline of meditation and introspection. In this manner, they come to realize that the universe is no less large nor grand than the supreme Self in whose image it was created.

Jupiter and Saturn are essentially polar planets, for Jupiter represents expansion and Saturn restriction. As a result, it may seem that Saturn is not well placed in Sagittarius. However, much good can come from this placing.

Saturn heightens concentration and encourages the desire to study so that the intellectual potential is fully developed. The outlook is philosophical, and sometimes children with this placing seem to have old heads on young bodies, with words of wisdom spoken seriously but quite naturally.

Honesty and straightforward speech are increased by this placing. Here too is the ability to speak up, sometimes bravely, uttering opinions that may be at variance with the mainstream consensus. However, challenges often cause conflict. On the one hand there will be a desire to accept them and push forward fearlessly with whatever is proposed, and on the other there can be caution and a certain fearfulness which may frustrate the desire, so that the enthusiasm of Sagittarius may not be given the full expression it needs.

Saturn in Capricorn

***Keynote*: Perfection is achieved through discipline and restraint.**

***Symbol*: A gem cutter shapes a diamond.**

People with Saturn in Capricorn may scale the heights of achievement or dive to the depths of defeat. There is a tendency to go toward one extreme or another, for they take life seriously and whatever line of action they pursue is

followed to it's conclusion. From a material point of view both Saturn and Capricorn represent end-processes.
Since Saturn is an earth planet and Capricorn an earth sign, the symbol for this combination is the diamond which, although formed in darkness far below the surface of the earth, is capable of reflecting every vibrant hue of light. In the Eastern tradition, adepts are called 'diamond-souled' because they have attained perfection through submission to all the trials of life.
Just as eons of pressure finally succeed in transforming black lumps of vegetable matter into translucent gems, so do the vicissitudes of the physical world purify the soul until it shines like the mystic diamond said to be hidden in the center of the lotus of the heart.
Even when not metaphysically inclined, people having Saturn in it's own sign intuitively realize that time and suffering serve a purpose as the wheel of fate polishes the personality, facet by facet, until it's inner radiance is revealed.
Saturn-dominated people seldom believe that happiness is the final goal of existence. Therefore, they are generally willing to apply themselves to their work. Having done their duty, they are pleasantly surprised when the care, patience, and control they have exercised brings deserved rewards.
Since Saturn is at home in Capricorn, persons subjected to a double dose of it's heavy vibrations often find deeper satisfactions in the professional activities to which they devote themselves, than in recreations devised to distract them from their toil. This dedication to the job at hand helps account for the fact that they are success prone.
It is of the utmost importance that they chose a form of employment which is innately challenging and not merely a means of livelihood. They find it difficult to divide their energies between work and play and need to apply themselves single-mindedly to one all-consuming endeavor.
Since Saturn crystallizes and Capricorn organizes matter, those in whom these influences conjoin do well in occupations requiring the translation of abstract concepts into concrete terms. This position is also favorable for financial enterprises because money is a kind of crystallized energy to be managed and controlled.
There is nearly always caution, determination, ambition and practical ability. They may make rather too many personal sacrifices in order to achieve objectives. The hardworking father will spend long hours at the office, then bring work home, so that there is little or no time for relaxing and having fun with the children. This is done with the best of intentions because they will be very keen indeed to give those children a better start in life than they themselves had. Nevertheless a balance is encouraged, for in being materialistic they will miss out on a very great deal.
There is a liking for power - sometimes political - and the Capricorn tendency to social climbing is also present. Money may be spent to impress, rather than for pure pleasure.

One should keep moving, so regular exercise is encouraged: Saturn rules the skin and bone structure, and stiffness in the joints must be avoided. The skin may be particularly sensitive to strong sunlight.

Saturn in Aquarius

***Keynote*: Power is produced through the redirection of circulating forces.**

***Symbol*: A massive dam provides electricity for the surrounding countryside.**

The person born with Saturn in Aquarius may give the impression of holding something in reserve. They appear to have access to hidden sources of strength which provide the stamina to overcome formidable obstacles in their struggle for freedom of action. Saturn builds dams so that Aquarian electricity may transform the lives of those who can tap the currents generated. Similarly, individuals who are a compound of these forces instinctively understand the axiom "Power requires restraint," and they refuse to expend their energies wastefully.

Saturn functions more effectively in Aquarius than in any other sign, with the possible exception of Libra. Its cohesive influence interfuses the humane spirit of the water-bearer with practical common sense and prevents him from becoming unduly radical or eccentric. This is an excellent combination for scientific achievement and is also found in the charts of many philanthropists in whom Saturnian responsibility is translated into compassionate concern for the welfare of humanity. It indicates the possibility of bringing the powers of the higher mind down to earth in order to raise standards of living everywhere.

Now that Uranus is generally considered to be the primary ruler of Aquarius, many astrologers are inclined to discount; the effects of Saturn as co-ruler. Yet further consideration will show how inextricably these two influences merge. Regardless of how Uranian they may be in their inventiveness, the scientist must exercise caution and control in formulating basic principles before any kind of spectacular success can occur. Science itself has been decidedly Saturnian in its reluctance to accept new concepts, especially if these fail to mesh with the materialistic bias inherited from the past. Many scientific investigators today reveal more Saturnian than Uranian traits in their refusal to acknowledge the possibility of subtle planes of existence or to investigate such subjects as astrology and parapsychology.

The connection of Saturn with Aquarius is also shown in the long years of study and self-discipline which are required to train a scientist. Most modern inventions are not made by single individuals but by groups of cooperating technicians whose distinctive personality traits must be submerged in a common effort. A scientist does not sign an invention the way an artist signs their picture, and only rarely does their name become attached to their handiwork. Even his personal style of life is generally conservative.

Most scientific disciplines involve the crystallizing of facts, the demarcation of fields of interest, the establishment of basic premises, and the organization of masses of material — all of which are characteristically Saturnian functions, and which must precede any significant Uranian breakthrough. The enlightened Aquarian understands the reason for this methodical structuring of the investigative process and the rigorous training it entails. The result of this systematic thinking is the power to predict and shape events and thus to gain mastery over Saturn's realm of time and fate. Astrology is a typically Aquarian science, largely because it deals with cycles of time.

Saturn does not come into its own until it arrives at the social sign Libra, halfway around the zodiac. The delay occurs because this planet refers to laws governing groups rather than to individuals. Saturn's dictates are basically concerned with general behavior rather than with the action of separate entities. Consequently, Saturn is in its fall in Aries, sign of self-will. In Aquarius, sign of group activity, the once-feared lord of cycles is vindicated and set securely upon the throne as the benevolent dispenser of universal law and order.

Saturn's continued rule shows that laws must not only be administered, as in Capricorn, but that they must also be followed by a multitude of cooperating individuals. Therefore, Aquarians are likely to be Saturnian as well as Uranian in their basic disposition.

Saturn in Pisces

***Keynote*: Physical discipline leads to spiritual grace.**

***Symbol*: A ballet dancer practices at the exercise bar.**

Saturn shapes all material forms, while Pisces promotes the process of dissolution. Consequently, people having Saturn in Pisces often feel that their efforts to attain their goals are like trying to mold water. They may become depressed by the way success eludes them.

Yet, if they persist long enough, Saturn guarantees the reward of ultimate accomplishment. Under Saturn there are no shortcuts everything must be done the hard way, but it is also the right way.

Saturn in Pisces may be sacrificing or self-pitying, retiring or evasive, relaxed or untidy, depending on the willingness of an individual to buckle down to the curriculum of the school of life. The deeper lesson it teaches is that sooner or later one must renounce one's petty egotism and cooperate with the will of the One Creator.

Regardless of what they do or fail to do, rain will fall, plants will grow, tides will lap the shores, and life among the stars will continue as before. And yet, people with this cosmic view of life before them must go on living each day as though nothing could be more important than the immediate task at hand.

For psychologically mature individuals, Saturn/Neptune (Neptune rules Pisces) combinations are not necessarily inharmonious, since the planet that

brings death to all mortal creatures has a natural affinity for Neptune's sign of ultimate conclusions.
The cautiousness of Saturn modifies the inflationary proclivities of both of Pisces' ruling planets, producing a practical idealist with a realistic appraisal of the price which must be paid for spiritual attainment.
Saturn in Pisces indicates the necessity of tying up loose ends. People having this placement accentuated in their charts are particularly bound by the past. They must accept the consequences of what they, their ancestors, or their previous personalities have done in bygone times. Often they are obliged to suffer as the result of other people's actions.
Existence can be a serious business for the person born with weighty Saturn in the sign of renunciation. Yet this position holds the challenge to make light of life's burdens as well as to enlighten frightened minds everywhere. As long as the individual allows themselves to be bound by feelings of guilt and personal sorrow, the Piscean waters of redemption cannot wash away the dry husks which encapsulate the ego. Saturnian walls of enforced isolation still prevent the soul from extricating itself from its prison house of illusion.
Saturn, however is also the daily discipline which eventually leads to Piscean transcendence. Planet and sign work according to plan to effect the final release which is the goal of evolution.
Symbolically, Saturn in Pisces shows the ultimate outcome of the forces set in motion by the Sun in Aries at the start of the zodiacal cycle. Its great gift is the grace to submit to the divinely ordained laws of the universe in order that the power of Spirit may irradiate all forms with sublime beauty and love.
The self-sacrificing qualities of Pisces will be present in those who have Saturn in this sign. There is humility, sympathy and increased intuition, which should be controlled and expressed with caution, but definitely not ignored.
Often there is very little self-confidence, and it may be that the subject will be their own worst enemy, since the inclination to hold back may become disproportionate.
At its best, this trait makes a person attractively self-effacing, but sadly its influence is usually too strong, so that shyness and inhibition dominate. Sometimes the outlook on life is rather depressing, and under stress there can be an inclination to give up hope.
It is important for the subject to realize that they possess a powerful imaginative force which should be put to creative use. It certainly needs to be given some sort of concrete shape. If not, and they are hesitant about developing this excellent source of potential, it may be that long-term encouragement given by the partner will help them find a suitable outlet and eventually develop it to the full.
Quite severe changes of mood are usual, as is a tendency to worry. One result can be hypochondria.

URANUS through the Signs

Uranus spends about seven years in each sign as it moves around the zodiac, so is in that sign for everyone born during that period. All planets are important in the birth and progressed charts, but a sign influence which is identical for so many people does not indicate personal characteristics which will dominate an individual unless, of course, Uranus is a personal planet. Instead, it is what is known as a "generation" influence.

Uranus in Aries

This is a powerful and positive placing, with the energy and assertiveness of Aries complementing the forthright, nervous energy of Uranus. Unless negatively aspected, Uranus should endow plenty of originality and the motivation to use it in positive ways. There will be erratic tendencies, however, and patience is not enhanced; look elsewhere in the chart to see if this and more cautionary qualities are present.

In a chart showing creative potential, the influence will strengthen originality and often gives a lively color sense. The pioneering spirit of Aries also complements the search for what is new, out-of-the-ordinary and different - all powerful Uranian traits.

The placing also heightens self-confidence and reinforces powers of leadership. However, possible fool-hardiness must be checked, since it can surface in an extremely eccentric way with the subject becoming involved in silly and daredevil feats (if often with good intentions, such as raising money for charity).

As always with this placing, caution must be developed. If Uranus is negatively aspected, especially by Mars, these daring tendencies will be increased. If Uranus is generally negatively aspected, its characteristic nervous and emotional tension will be particularly noticeable.

Uranus in Taurus

Here the stubborn area of the Uranian influence makes its presence felt. It will definitely strengthen any lack of flexibility of opinion. However, if the chart tends towards indecision, with a powerful emphasis on Libra or perhaps Pisces, this is a good placing, since it gives a combination of stability and Uranian originality.

Stubbornness is common but again, if it is really damaging it will also appear in other areas of the chart, or be emphasized by Uranus' house position and aspects.

Sometimes there is a clash between taking conventional action (Taurus) and being unconventional or slightly out on a limb (Uranus). If a balance is achieved, we often find an original and practical individual, which is when Uranus in Taurus is at its best.

There may be an attraction to collecting unusual possessions, and the attitude to money may also be slightly eccentric. Perhaps extravagance; spending much on glamorous evenings out but then pulling back and living rather frugally.

Uranus in Gemini

This is an excellent, very dynamic and lively placing, endowing originality, quick thinking and often brilliant ideas, which one is encouraged to think through carefully and eventually develop to the full.

If the chart veers towards the intellectual, with Mercury and Jupiter well-placed by sign as well as aspect, this influence will blend in, adding spiciness, a sharp attitude and quick responses, especially in argument and debate.

It is also good for the person who works in the media or follows any sort of literary or academic career. The technical areas of communications will also be of interest.

The restless, nervous side of Gemini and the tension of Uranus can cause problems, especially if Uranus receives squares or oppositions from the Sun, Moon or Mercury, or if it is in negative aspect to the Ascendant. If so, such an aspect, plus this sign placing, may be a potential source of tension and sometimes distress, since the individual will become very worried when finding it difficult to relax, sleep properly or put problems to one side. A relaxation technique or yoga may help.

If Mars is involved there may be migraines, or nasty headaches at the very least. However, on the whole Uranus is in an excellent mood here.

Uranus in Cancer

The changeable moodiness of Cancer, combined with the unpredictability of Uranus, may at times cause problems. While, of course, planets in more powerful positions will hold sway over this generation sign influence, when Uranus is contacted by transit the influence of its natal position may emerge, and perhaps at times one will be a little confused at some of their quirky and even uncharacteristic behavior patterns.

However, if Cancer is a prominent sign or Uranus a personal planet, these indications will definitely make their mark, and must be controlled if they are not to heap problems on themselves because loved ones and colleagues never know where they stand. At its best, however, this placing enhances the imagination, which will have a wonderfully original slant. In a creative chart it is definitely an asset, while more generally the trait is useful.

Uranus is a cold, unemotional planet, always encouraging logical, clear-cut action, while Cancer is all intuition and very emotional. Unless Uranus is personalized or Cancer is the Sun, Moon or Ascending sign, this dilemma is unlikely to surface.

However, when Uranus is a personal planet it can be quite a source of tension, with the individual not knowing which area to develop. It is obvious

that they should let one complement the other, but because they are such opposing factors this will be difficult, and there may be persistent conflict. One should decide whether their emotions and intuitions overrule logic or vice versa, and allow the stronger to take precedent.

Uranus in Leo

There is increased energy here, and a dynamic driving force. Sometimes, too, autocracy and a liking for power are present. If the latter can be positively expressed, the talent for leadership will be such that others will gladly follow.

Leo is a fixed sign, and since Uranus increases stubbornness, one may well become an immovable object. Leo is also a warm, enthusiastic fire sign while Uranus, albeit friendly, likes to keep its distance and is cool, calculating and unemotional. However, conflict will only emerge if Uranus is a personal planet, or if it is negatively aspected by the Sun.

Self-confidence is certainly boosted, especially in a chart in which this tends to be lacking. It is a lively, colorful placing, and will give a rather glitzy glamour if Uranus is aspected by the Moon or Venus. There may also be a sense of the dramatic which is used to excellent effect. This will be apparent if, for instance, Uranus is in the fifth house, and it would be combined with a need for power and a desire to influence the masses if Uranus were high in the sky in the tenth house.

Since Leo is a creative sign there is often creative flair which may be developed through a hobby, thus encouraging the personal potential. This would be an excellent form of original expression in someone who is perhaps rather shy and apprehensive, lacking in self-confidence. However, if we reverse the coin, all the overwhelming, power-loving, showy tendencies of this planet may have to be countered.

Uranus in Virgo

These energies can be put to good use as they will inject the mind with the ability to analyze and research, and will also encourage a certain originality of approach to any problem or project that is under consideration.

Since Virgo is an earth sign it tends to be conventional - the familiar and well-tried is preferred - yet Uranus' influence is quite the reverse, encouraging original thoughts and actions, and often unconventional behavior.

While Virgo is generally anything but power-loving, the energy force of this placing, plus Pluto's intervention, have endowed this particular generation with some dynamic, forceful qualities. They have what it takes to make world-shattering changes.

To put this on a personal level, the individual may be a seeker and questioner, unable to rest content, and with the ability to scrutinize every aspect of a situation. They may have a considerable talent for investigative or research work that is often medical. Scientific flair is possible, but the subject

must accept their originality since there may sometimes be an inclination to suppress it.

Uranus in Libra

Although Uranus shines in a glamorous way from this sign, and often gives increased powers of attraction and a sneaking romantic streak, its independence can cause difficulties when fighting Libra's compulsive need to relate.

In most cases a thread of independence, and perhaps occasional coolness, will emerge in the attitude toward the partner; but if either Venus or Uranus are personal planets, or if they are in aspect to each other, these very contrasting indications will have a considerable effect on the relationship as a whole.

If Aquarius is the Sun, Moon or Ascendant sign the subject will have to admit that he or she may want a partnership but not a partner. It is obviously important to come to terms with this attitude if the partner is not to be adversely affected.

Here is an excellent, caring and helpful friend who will give much time and energy when called upon to do so and who will be sympathetic and kind - traits that should be developed by the subject if they have the above-mentioned negative attitude to their intimate relationships.

Even so, this placing will help to stabilize and rationalize the emotions, and can therefore be constructive and positive for someone with a very high emotional level.

Uranus in Scorpio

Here Uranus is perhaps at its most weighty and complex. The planet's influence is increased since it is exalted in this sign; the dynamic force of Uranus, added to the emotional intensity of Scorpio, gives considerable extra power.

This individual is brave and daring, but tends to avoid showing the emotions and may even try to reject them. As a result, they can appear calm while much is boiling up on deeper levels of their personality.

They must accept that the gradual release of emotional tension and energy is good, and when channeled it can be used positively and rewardingly so that inner satisfaction accompanies achievement.

A need for power is sometimes present. People with this placing will have been born between 1975 and 1981 and are still fairly young; if older generations do not give them careful, sound guidance they will waste some powerful potential and energy.

These young people need to feel they are in a powerful position - often to help the world or to make it think in the same way that they do. If their parents realize they have potential and give firm guidance they can do well, but association with the seamier sides of life may drag them down.

Uranus in Sagittarius

Here Uranus is lively and dynamic, giving an original slant to the intellect and opening up the mind. The Sagittarian need for challenge is complemented by an attraction to all things new and unusual. Uranus traveled through Sagittarius between 1981 and 1988, and Jupiter, the ruler of Sagittarius, made a transit of that sign in 1983 - a delightful joint influence, adding liveliness, an attractive sense of humor and very good brains.

Generally speaking, the splendid influence of this placing alone will make these children intellectually and physically adventurous. They will be humanitarian and able to contribute fully to the greening of the Earth, for they will be entirely aware of world ecological problems yet have a very different approach from those of the previous generation who have Uranus in Scorpio.

Parents of young children with this placing should try to always increase their awareness of the beauty of the world.

These traits will be particularly pronounced if Sagittarius is prominent or Uranus is personalized.

Uranus in Capricorn

Here Uranus will give a rational, cool outlook and the ability to put problems into a coherent and logical perspective. However, Capricorn is the sign most sympathetic to conventional behavior and to doing "the right and proper thing" and Uranus is exactly the opposite, often encouraging shock tactics and perverse and unpredictable actions. Conflict can be the result.

In most cases, hopefully, there will be a weighing up of the contrasting possibilities when the occasion demands, and one will take the sensible line of action, neither causing embarrassment nor cramping their style.

This is a generation influence, so these traits will not be strongly emphasized in everyone born over a seven-year period. Nevertheless, if someone of this generation consults you for astrological advice in a few years' time, and you mention something along these lines, he or she will understand and perhaps may be able to add some additional and incisive comments.

A certain hardness is present, but the humanitarian side of Uranus will emerge in a very practical, down-to-earth way, and this generation will continue to improve the environment and cope with the problems of their time.

Uranus in Aquarius

Here Uranus is in the sign that it rules, giving these people a certain Aquarian air. They are friendly, kind and humanitarian, usually with an independent streak, and may be rather private. As they get older they must be encouraged to keep their independence, and will probably want to. However, Uranian unpredictability and intractability will surely emerge, so the rest of the chart

should be examined to find the best solution to such deadlocks. If air signs are emphasized, this placing's influence will be somewhat increased.
There is considerable inventiveness and originality, and a certain flair in whichever area of self-expression is most fulfilling. Many will look glamorous well into the later years of their lives, but poor circulation and stiffness or arthritic conditions in the joints is likely - exercise should be encouraged.
Kindness and the Aquarian/Uranian humanitarian traits are usually present. Here is someone who likes to raise money for charity, or at least ease suffering in a practical way. As Uranus is in its own sign here its influence is enhanced, and will be even more potent if it is also a personal planet.

Uranus in Pisces

The principles of Uranus and the characteristics of Pisces couldn't be more different. Yet this individual is likely to have inspired idealism and can view problems with objectivity and even vision, but also with real human kindness and sympathy. It is here that we see a rapport between the planet and the sign: Pisces sacrifices much for the good of others, and Uranus is the most humanitarian of planets.
Here is originality, imagination and inspiration marvelous for someone who is creative or inventive. Any emphasis on Pisces may cause evasive or escapist action - a possibility even with the increased logic of this placing, especially if the subject is quite gullible and likes to be considered fashionable.
There will then be an instinct to follow the trend, which may be a negative drug or drink taking one.
If so, the tense side of Uranus will emerge, causing emotional strain and tension. However, this is only likely for very sensitive people with escapist or self-deceptive tendencies elsewhere in their charts.
At its best this is an interesting placing, contributing some fascinating and helpful characteristics, even to those who do not have the planet very powerfully placed in their charts.

NEPTUNE through the Signs

Neptune, the second of the “modern planets, takes 146 years to complete its journey around the Sun and through all 12 signs of the zodiac, staying in each for about 14 years. Neptune works on two levels. Its influence as it travels through the sky is on everyday life, but it also emerges as a mass influence on the lifestyles of people born into each of its generations.

Neptune in Cancer

In this placing the overall influence was centered on the home. There was confusion and unhappiness due to so many men being killed during the First World War, and the overall grief is shown by the emphasis on Cancer the most family-oriented sign in the zodiac. It then further occurred that when the

people who were born during those years with Neptune in Cancer were adults and bringing up their own families, they had to cope with the difficulties and unhappiness of the Second World War.
Between 1905 and 1911, Uranus made an opposition to Neptune from Capricorn. This generation aspect (which appears in the charts of all the people born during that period) added to the stresses and strains of the time, and was another negative factor in the lives of this generation.
If Neptune is a personal planet in the birth chart it will very powerfully heighten the subject's sensitivity, emotion and intuition. If it receives negative aspects, he or she may well show a tendency to take the easy way out of difficult situations. The imagination can also work overtime. This placing will increase any inclination to worry, but will sensitize and refine any creative work that is carried out by the individual.

Neptune in Leo

While Neptune was traveling through Leo the accent was on the development and power of the movies. The great silent films were being made and, especially as times were hard (this period includes the misery of the First World War and its economic aftermath, plus the financial depression beginning in 1929), the masses sought and enjoyed escape into this wonderful make-believe world, which lifted them straight out of the grim reality they were experiencing in their daily lives.
This placing of Neptune confers glamour and a sense of drama, and also enhances creative work. The emotional flow is positive and spiced with a lively enthusiasm.
If the planet is personalized and positively aspected, the subject is well blessed, and will probably have imaginative and creative potential. An interest in art is quite a common attribute, and the individual may also have an above-average talent and particular flair for photography.

Neptune in Virgo

Here is the first modern generation seriously to criticize accepted religious beliefs. Neptune, ruler of Pisces - a sign closely linked with Christianity - was at this time traveling through Virgo, which is Pisces' polar sign. Virgo, ruled by Mercury, is analytical and critical.
One of the most interesting generation influences of this planet is that at precisely the time Neptune first entered Virgo, the cinema, which had until then been silent, discovered sound. (Remember that Mercury is the planet that rules communications.) In general, people enjoyed greater and easier communication and the medium of radio also increased this.
If Neptune is personalized or Virgo is a prominent sign in the birth chart, the imagination is stimulated and can be expressed well (perhaps through literary work). Since Virgo is an earth sign, the subject may also have a flair for horticulture.

At worst, Neptune in Virgo tends to lower the self-confidence, since the subject's critical faculty can undermine his or her belief in what is achieved, and this can result in a lack of inner fulfillment. Discontent and restlessness may also be present, especially if these tendencies are indicated in other areas of the chart.

Neptune in Libra

While these children were being born much of the civilized world was at war, and everyone was longing for peace. (Think of the popular songs of the period.) When these children grew up they became the "flower power" generation of the late sixties and early seventies. "All you need is love" speaks volumes about the prevailing attitude at this time.

Many people were opting out of society and experimenting with drugs and a totally relaxed lifestyle, unrealistic, easy, all very beautiful, all very harmonious and peaceful, but also all entirely impractical! One does not have to be a very advanced astrologer to couple the influence of peace-loving Libra with the self-deception and illusory influences of Neptune.

This is a very critical placing and influence. Those with Libra rising are most vulnerable to Neptune. Consider closely whether Neptune is in the first or twelfth house. Reread Neptune through the Houses, and if Neptune conjuncts the Ascendant make careful note of that influence also.

If Libra is not a prominent sign, however, and Neptune isn't personalized, its influence will not be very strong in the chart, but it does give additional sympathy and kindness. In a chart that indicates the individual is rather laidback and perhaps slightly lazy or lacking in self-confidence, the influence will strengthen these attitudes - sometimes causing the subject to slip into a sybaritic lifestyle.

Neptune in Scorpio

These can be the hard-rock types - or so they would have people believe. They often have a very aggressive and formidable image, but have had to fight hard for what they want out of life.

It is not surprising that in coping with unemployment, many succumbed to the negative, escapist, drug addictive tendencies of Neptune. This drug scene is not the peaceful, loving, easy one often associated with the flower power people; here it is much more intensive, even more poisonous, weird and spooky (adjectives which are very Scorpionic in essence).

On the other hand there are many of this generation who live to make money and enjoy a glamorous life in the fast lane - the Yuppie generation, who are another manifestation of Neptune in Scorpio. Scorpio is also the sign of big business.

There is increased emotional intensity when Neptune is personalized. If the planet is well aspected the emotions will be positively expressed by inspiring the individual's talents and ambitions.

Neptune in Sagittarius
Due to the powerful relationship between Neptune and Jupiter (through Neptune's rulership of Pisces, over which Jupiter traditionally ruled), and because this is heightened by Neptune's journey through the Jupiter sign of Sagittarius, we can expect much that is idealistic, hopeful and positive from this generation. Neptune works well here, and there is a natural ability to distinguish right from wrong.
While these younger people will have to be tough to cope with the demands of life in the early part of the twenty-first century, they have a kind, sympathetic, idealistic, hopeful side which is both optimistic and enthusiastic.
One emerging indication which could relate to this placing is a growing inclination to vegetarianism. This can be equated with a general love and sympathy for animals - a common Sagittarian characteristic.
If Sagittarius is prominent there may very well be leadership potential.

Neptune in Capricorn
Here Neptune is in an earth sign, and so the vital issue of the Earth's resources, of the harm that has been done by their exploitation, is powerfully focused. We hope we can save the planet, but it will be up to the children of the 1970s and early 1980s to do so - to right the wrong of many earlier, less caring generations.
We can only assume what the personal implications will be, but it would seem that for someone with Capricorn prominent in their chart, the sign's rather strident, severe qualities will be softened, and its rather low emotional level will be heightened.
There may be flair for the creative use of natural materials. Here are people who will be determined but cautious, able to control the negative elements of Neptune so that they will be less vulnerable to escapism, self-deception and taking the easy way out of difficult situations.

PLUTO through the Signs

Pluto, the slowest moving of all the planets, takes 246 years to complete its journey around the Sun and through all 12 signs. Its orbit is eccentric, for it will take only 13 years to travel through some signs and up to 32 years to transit others. It is therefore a generation influence.

Pluto in Gemini
Developments and changes were afoot at this time, and many old concepts and doctrines were swept away. A great deal that had gone unchallenged was now seen in a new light and, due to the development of the automobile and ever-improving communications, the world began to get smaller.

There are still elderly people alive with Pluto in this sign. It has given them inquisitiveness and curiosity especially about much younger people, since they themselves have lived through so many remarkable changes and developments.
Those with good intellects and comprehension are wise, drawing on their long experiences to enrich their own lives and sympathize or argue with the younger generations. Those less gifted are totally confused.
All possess Geminian scepticism.

Pluto in Cancer

As Pluto entered Cancer the First World War got underway. Disruption to family life was notable, and many children, especially those born in the early years of this placing, became fatherless, either temporarily or permanently. This theme was, of course to continue to influence the children born in the thirties - many of whom had to suffer as a result of the war.
The individual's emotional level is somewhat increased by this placing.
Characteristic Cancerian tenacity will also be enhanced.

Pluto in Virgo

It is almost impossible to detach this influence from that of Uranus in Virgo, because that planet was in Virgo with Pluto between late 1961 and late 1968, and together they formed the extremely potent Uranus/Pluto conjunction. There was much student unrest and criticism of the values and standards of the older generation, so that Pluto's upheaval and Uranus' desire for sudden change emerged very strongly indeed. This generation has a very special power - to blast the world to bits or to rid it of much that is selfish and unjust.
The influence of Pluto can be a source of obsessional tendencies. It may not be, but if such traits are suggested in other areas of the chart, this placing will increase such an indication.
If the subject tends to be overcritical in a harsh incisive way, it may be due to the influence of Pluto.
There may be a tendency to constipation, since Virgo rules the bowels.

Pluto in Libra

During the seventies there was a great deal of sexual permissiveness. The Pill had brought freedom from unwanted pregnancy and given women the right to decide when to have children.
Interestingly, those with Neptune in Libra, the "flower power" generation, were "doing their own thing". The emergence of drugs and "dropping out", the rock festivals and escapism in general were attractive to their generation. The burning of draft cards was synonymous with the War/Peace axis; as was the "balance" of Libra, with love and harmony on one scale and the horrors of Vietnam (Pluto) on the other.

In some ways Pluto puts some spice into Libra, but it does increase the Libran tendency to rock the boat, and especially to instigate quarrels in order to prove the partner's affection or lack of it.

Pluto in Sagittarius

We can only speculate on the personal and generation influences of Pluto from this sign. In essence, the sign and planet are opposites; Sagittarius is open, freedom-loving independent, and couldn't be less secretive while Pluto is very secretive, finding it difficult to unburden, intense and possessively jealous.

However when Pluto's influence causes purges, a great deal is brought into the open. Is it in this way that Pluto will act from Sagittarius? It seems to be lately, judging by all the scandals.

Hopefully so, provided of course that the disturbance they cause is a problem in itself. It seems hard to think of any Sagittarian influence causing revolutionary tendencies, so the chances are that reactions will be tinged with wisdom and the sage-like traits of Sagittarius/Jupiter. It is these qualities that we hope will add an interesting dimension to the children born while Pluto is in this sign.

THE PLANETS THROUGH THE HOUSES

FIRST HOUSE: The House of Self — The field of action and personal initiative

Outlook on life — the lens through which the rest of the chart is focused. The personality. Character type. Physique. Early childhood. Destiny in the making.

First House Sun

The Sun represents our vitality and self-expression. In each house the Sun indicates that the kind of experience to which the house refers will tend to call for a spontaneous and at least relatively forceful release of vital energy.

In the first house this energy should illumine and sustain the search for identity and the intuitive perception of who one really is, or of one's self-image.

The person with the Sun about to rise may experience an inner enthusiasm, a freshness of viewpoint, or simply a robust health that will enable them to radiate what they are in a distinct and compelling manner.

It is in such a search for personal identity and in all deeds requiring personal self-assertion and emotional intensity that the Sun function will be called upon to operate most successfully. The negative aspect of this position may be pride and "in***sol***ence."

This confident, spontaneous, and outgoing individual is determined to make something of themselves. They rise to a position of eminence by their own enthusiastic efforts and through an inherent conviction that they have the freedom to bend destiny to their will.
There may be a considerable love of power and often a desire to be appreciated "for oneself alone," rather than for one's background, wealth, or prestige.
Good health is based upon a robust constitution which can stand up under strain. When well aspected, a first-house Sun shows a happy childhood and success derived from being in on the start of new enterprises.
Self-absorption may be a result of this emphasis on the first house, and the individual should be aware of any tendencies towards selfishness, trying to counter them whenever possible.
A certain Leonine coloring is given to the personality when the Sun is in the first house. The bearing will be regal, and the back and heart will need the special attention that is advisable for those who have Leo prominent in their birth charts.
Equally, because this is the Aries house, the subject will be motivated to win, to be first, and will have the necessary competitive spirit.

First House Moon

The feelings are hyper-responsive to environmental factors, giving a tendency to make easy, quick adjustments to the demands of the moment through day-by-day decisions rather than look ahead.
The influence of the early years, and especially of the mother, continue to affect this person's life in subtle ways. The disposition is restless and impulsive, leading to much moving around and many reversals of fortune. One should guard against being too imaginative, suggestible, and sentimental.
Popularity and general acceptance are derived from an ability to identify with all kinds of people and to be genuinely sympathetic and responsive to their needs.

First House Mercury

The individual with this placement enjoys making connections and likes to know a little bit about a lot of things.
Quick-witted and adaptable, they must beware of allowing their rationalizing propensity to slide into opportunism. As an agent or liaison officer they can capitalize on the talents of others for their own benefit.
This keenly self-analytical position makes it virtually impossible to be smug or complacent about one's own personality or accomplishments, for it assumes that improvement is always possible.

The mind is inquiring, restless, and ever on the alert to pick up new and useful information. Speech and writing express distinctively personal opinions.

First House Venus

Venus in the first house gives a talent for getting what one wants. This ability to accumulate personal possessions necessitates a weighing of relative values in order to decide whether the objects desired are really worth having — and perhaps being stuck with.

A Venusian often gains materially simply by being the kind of person that others instinctively want to help. The temperament is sociable, refined, and artistic with abundant physical magnetism.

A natural appreciation of beautiful things and a gift for creating a harmonious atmosphere of culture and comfort may cause this individual to appear softer and more flexible than they really are.

First House Mars

Mars in its own natural house is inclined to act before thinking. This position denotes a forceful individual who throws themselves into projects without counting the cost.

They have an urge to prove their mettle through assertive gestures and strenuous physical activity, and jealously guard their personal independence.

This placement may spur ambition or it may stimulate rashness and impetuosity, according to the rest of the horoscope. It sharpens the will to overcome handicaps and to set the course of one's destiny regardless of what others may say or do.

Often it is necessary to work very hard early in life, but the habit turns out to be lasting and useful.

First House Jupiter

Jupiter in the house of personal initiative can produce a born leader, or one who has been conditioned to hold a high position from their earliest years.

They have abundant confidence in themselves and in their ability to rise in the world. Consequently, they inspire the faith of others who assume that they must be right.

Cheerful and optimistic, their good luck carries them through vicissitudes which would discourage a less fortunate soul.

They must, however, guard against complacency and a tendency to take prosperity for granted. If a liability to over-expansion can be controlled, positive thinking and the ability to plan ahead advance them toward their goal.

First House Saturn

Saturn in the first house is apt to give a toilsome life, beginning with a difficult childhood. The disposition is likely to be serious and resolute.

In a woman's chart, it shows prolonged hard work and the necessity to bear up under grave responsibilities. In a man's chart, it may indicate a tendency to become a father figure, to be a law unto oneself, or to dominate others in a stiff unbending way.
Members of both sexes will be self-disciplined but prone to depression because of the harshness of existence in this world. When well aspected, a first-house Saturn augurs a slow, steady rise to success earned through conscientious labour.
The overall effect can be to inhibit the personality, often causing shyness and a lack of self-confidence. Nevertheless, there is natural caution and a great deal of common sense.
At times, the individual can feel unable to cope with the problems and responsibilities of life, and the whole outlook may become pessimistic. Again, such feelings may well be rooted in a lack of self-confidence.
Adherence to what is expected and a strong sense of duty, plus a conventional and conservative outlook, are present, and it may be that inhibiting tendencies relate to a restrictive environment in childhood.
The effect on the health of Saturn in this house can be to lower the vitality, but it is important to realize that such conditions may be based on hypochondria, and that pessimism and depression are their worst enemies.

First House Uranus

Uranus in the first house produces an unconventional thinker who is eager to experiment with new modes of self-expression. This person is in some way different from others, and may even be unusual in their looks. They are apt to be careless about their physical appearance because so many other concerns occupy the mind.
Original, even to the point of being radical, their advanced ideas demand independent thought and initiative on the part of those who subscribe to them. With their extreme individualism and need for personal liberty they will go their own way, even when it means flying against the mainstream of public opinion.
Childhood conditions are liable to be out of the ordinary.

First House Neptune

People having Neptune in the first house are prone to be confused about their identity. This lack of a definite self-image may dissolve their determination to act as independent entities, making them feel obliged to others.
The stronger characters among them find their ego-support in idealistic causes into which they plunge with the selfless fervor of a saint or fanatic. The weak are ridden with obscure anxieties which undermine both their will to work and their constitution.
If Neptune is close to the Ascendant, these impressionable individuals may be more psychic than they realize. They are given to fantasy in childhood and

can retreat into a realm of the imagination. Escapist tendencies or mystical experiences may determine the course of their lives.

First House Pluto

A first-house Pluto has a way of drawing issues into the open. When afflicted, it shows connections with the underworld and a liability to suffer bodily violence. Often it leads to some form of banishment or exile, but this isolation may stem from an exclusiveness which deliberately shuts others out.

This person has a will of their own which may appear as a complete disregard of convention. They tend to be loners and to project an air of mystery. Money matters greatly to them and they crave to be not merely well-to-do but a veritable plutocrat. They want personal power and will use their driving ambition to get down to fundamentals and expose long-neglected abuses.

Whichever sign Pluto occupies, and in most cases this will also be the Ascendant sign, the planet's influence will darken the personality, adding an incisive and deep, emotionally intense quality.

The individual will want to explore in depth anything they find fascinating, and so there can be considerable potential for research.

On a more psychological level, there can be obsessional tendencies and sometimes a need to dominate others. A zest and inner strength will be added when Pluto is in Libra.

The emotional energy will be passionate and often expressed sexually, although it can be positively directed towards achieving ambitious objectives. A marvelous sense of purpose is generally present, and must be expressed and fulfilled, otherwise an inner seething sense of dissatisfaction may afflict the subject.

Considerable potential is given in this placing, since it is so full of intense emotional energy. However, it cannot be stressed too strongly just how important it is for these qualities to be given a rewarding outlet.

SECOND HOUSE: The House of Possessions - The field of prosperity

Sense of values. Earned income. Basic security. Money and worldly goods. The physical substance of the body. The desire to accumulate personal resources.

Second House Sun

The Sun in the second house gives a facility for handling money and an appreciation of the comforts it can buy. There is a tendency to accumulate status symbols, to lavish care and attention upon them, and to adorn the body in ways that indicate refinement and an individualistic sense of style. The person with a second house Sun can be generous to the point of extravagance but they like their good works to be recognized.

A great deal of energy goes into making money solely for the sake of spending it again. Benefits are often obtained through the father and through the patronage of superiors.
In some cases the acquisitive powers can extend into the personal life, with the partner becoming yet another possession. The Taurean tendency is to own, and when the Sun is in the second house the attitude is "Look this is mine!" If this happens, problems can arise since the subject is insensitively bulldozing over the real needs of their partner.

Second House Moon

With the Moon in the house of income, a person is apt to experience many financial ups and downs. Money may come from women and from affairs ruled by the Moon such as real estate and the dispensing of food and drink.
Some individuals with this position are seafarers; others take up politics or work that involves dealing with members of the public.
The need for security, both emotional and financial, is very pertinent here, and the Moon's attributes, shown by its sign placing, will flourish against a much needed secure background.
There is a strong instinct to save and to collect possessions, since these will add to the subject's sense of security. At times, the hoarding instinct could become obsessive.
Constant worry about money can be a serious problem, even if the individual is well off. Every fluctuation of the Stock Exchange can affect the subject's mood, and they may find that the materialistic side of life may assume too great an importance if the birth chart as a whole is that way inclined.
If the subject is more spiritually or creatively oriented, and this tendency is supported by the Moon sign, money may easily slip through their fingers, with much of it given to charities or needy friends. If so, every act of that kind will drain the individual emotionally and even lead to an imbalance, since it is working against their basically acquisitive lunar instinct.
A good business instinct may be present, and if other sign placings support it, then the individual will do well to give full rein to their intuitions and instincts when investing money.
They may buy and sell antiques and mementos of the past.

Second House Mercury

This placement makes an adroit manipulator of money. Such a person is likely to flourish in trades requiring quick-wittedness, versatility, and ingenuity. These people can prosper in affairs connected with writing, speaking, and travel and can serve as an agent, or go-between in financial transactions.
They are more of a mover than a producer of goods. Their values are more intellectual than material and they may make a hobby of collecting fine books and recordings. A liking for trendy or kitsch possessions is also likely.

Bargaining ability will be good, and certainly the subject will enjoy finding, or striking, a bargain. Financial wheeling and dealing, from bartering to big money markets, could prove fascinating. Often two or more sources of income will be enjoyed.
This is the Venus/Taurus house and as Mercury rules the hands, texture is often important, with the feel of silk, velvet or the touch of beautiful skin being much appreciated.

Second House Venus

The person born with this pleasure-loving combination has a natural talent for finance, enhanced by the ability to attract what they need through personal magnetism. They are drawn to businesses connected with art, beautification, physical comfort, and luxuries.
Money comes through women and partnerships as well as through investments in real estate and solidly established enterprises. Venus in its own house bestows its favors upon the individual who is willing to settle down and court prosperity with genuine ardor and admiration for the benefits it can bring.
Venus' influence is increased by its presence in the Taurus/Venus house. Acquiring possessions that give aesthetic pleasure and some material security is very important. There is a great love of beauty, and the subject will want to feel and look good, so as to attract love and attention from others.
Taurean possessiveness and the tendency to regard loved ones as belongings should be countered. Generosity is usual but can be used to gain attention and adoration.

Second House Mars

This individual can be a wheeler-dealer who pours a great deal of energy into increasing their income. They take risks and are liable to suffer personal loss through rash ventures.
The craving for material gain provides the incentive for a great deal of frenetic physical activity, but it may be hard for such a ‘fireball’ to bide their time long enough to permit the seeds they have planted to grow.
Extravagance and the inability to remain in one place can prevent the accumulation of possessions. This is a paradoxical position in that the pursuit of worldly goods may be so avid as to deny the benefits sought.
The emotions are also intensified and will be expressed passionately, with a great deal of sensual pleasure given to partners who, if they do not respond in the desired manner, will not remain partners for long.
This placing also adds determination which, combined with strong physical resources, makes for a drive that thrives on opposition.

Second House Jupiter

Jupiter in the second house increases the chances of gaining wealth and security. An optimistic appraisal of existing opportunities helps to magnetize luck and materialize lucre. This individual inspires trust, and profit by the help of well-placed benefactors.
Creature comforts are both greatly liked and deeply needed, and they will spend money entertaining friends and making the home extremely luxurious and comfortable.
This is the Taurus/Venus house, so there is a connection with relationships. This is a generous partner, showing love flamboyantly by giving expensive and beautiful presents, sometimes when they can't really afford them.
They have an instinctive regard for Earth's bounty and often prosper through the carefully planned development of natural resources.

Second House Saturn

This position gives a sense of limitation with regard to money which may not be justified by the facts of the situation. A need to stabilize and protect holdings encourages investments in tangible assets such as land, buildings, and machinery. Income is derived through hard bargaining and shrewd deals. Sometimes possessions bring more worry than enjoyment, as thrift shades into miserliness.
This person is eminently practical in clinging to their resources and would rather count than spend their pennies. A beneficently aspected second-house Saturn can bestow wealth, since it crystallizes and materializes money.
The emotional overtones of this house should not be forgotten: Saturn's presence may inhibit the flow of feelings. If this does not apply, it may be that the attainment of sensual pleasure at its most perfect will come more slowly than for most people, but will continue for much longer.

Second House Uranus

The subject seldom allows themselves to be dominated by monetary considerations. They may have lucky breaks or they may break away entirely from their subservience to the world of conventional necessities.
They value money mainly for the freedom it promises and may be pulled between the desire to invest in exciting projects, and the desire to be untrammeled by the cares of high or low finance.
Often their income is earned in unusual ways. They can afford better than most to take a chance on speculative schemes since they have little attachment to possessions and can be philosophical about the gains or losses that ensue.
The emotions may be expressed in a cool way, although the powers of attraction will be undimmed. Uncharacteristic possessiveness may clash with the Uranian need for independence; something partners will find hard to swallow.

Second House Neptune

Income keeps coming in, but frequently it is "fairy money" which evaporates like the morning dew, owing to a multitude of petty obligations. Too often the budget is like a leaky vessel which no amount of bailing can salvage. Good or bad, the financial situation is never quite what it seems. The subject should avoid risky or speculative enterprises and confine their investments to the most reliable and conservative concerns.

An afflicted second-house Neptune shows a distinct danger of loss through fraud, deception, and unrealistic hopes. Beneficially aspected, it gives generosity to the point of sacrifice.

Second House Pluto

A powerfully aspected second-house Pluto can give a passion for wealth, but it does not necessarily provide the means or the incentive to acquire this wealth legitimately. There is a need for strict integrity in money matters, since this position can show an obsessive craving for material enrichment.

Financial problems can result from sexual misadventures and from neurotic attitudes toward money as a symbol of personal potency. These individuals often prosper in ventures having to do with mining and research. There may be something fateful about the way their riches are gained or lost.

This placing usually denotes excellent business potential. If the chart as a whole veers in this direction, the chances are that the subject will be keen to work in business, perhaps starting from scratch and building up an individual "empire", or will simply make a lot of money. Sometimes, however, this tendency can get out of control, with the individual becoming obsessed with making money.

The powers of concentration are usually good when Pluto is in the second house, and may help to stabilize any individual who tends to have their head in the clouds.

Determination and the will to succeed are usually present, especially if other areas of the chart also indicate these qualities. A great deal of psychological satisfaction will be gained from collecting and owning possessions. Unfortunately this tendency can extend to the subject's attitude towards his or her loved one who may well be thought of simply as yet another possession.

The emotional life will be intense and passionate. Indeed, Pluto's influence from this house often enhances the sensual expression, thereby making the individual a good lover

THIRD HOUSE: The House of the Environment - The field of communications

Brothers, sisters, relatives, and neighbors. Intellectual interests. Education. Perception and speech. Books, magazines, and letters. Publications. Short journeys.

Third House Sun

The Sun in the third house implies that the ladder of success may be ascended through continuing education and mental development. A zest for study and travel can develop into a career in teaching, publishing, writing, and enterprises involving the dissemination of information.

This individual knows how to adjust to their environment and have a faculty for saying the right thing at the right time. They get on well with their neighbors and near relations, and connections with them prove useful in a variety of large and small ways. Letter writing is often a forte since one enjoys communicating ideas to congenial people. An active mind is capable of clear and logical thinking on almost any subject.

The intellectual capacity is exploited to the full with this placing. Whether the subject is bright or slow, there will certainly be a powerful urge to make the mind work, and should the individual feel there was something lacking in their early education, the impulse to make up for it will be strong.

Having achieved that, they might well go much further, eventually (perhaps rather late in life) gaining some striking academic achievements. Such a development is encouraged and any tendency to rest on lesser laurels discouraged. In such a case, a positive expression of pride and fulfillment will spring from this solar placing.

Third House Moon

This combination gives a naturally studious temperament with a retentive memory for details. It is an excellent position for journalism, public relations, advertising, and statistical research. The mind may also turn to history, semantics, archaeology, and scholarly subjects relating to the past.

The individual needs to move around and keep in touch with other people, both through conversation and the media. They like to associate with different types of people and to be in contact with a world of ideas. Their ideas are likely to be spiced with a strong intuition as to the way in which they will evolve.

An instinctive need for knowledge is very strong but is often linked to the superficial - too much notice may be taken of what is read in newspapers or seen on television, for instance.

The knowledge gained may not be permanent as there can be a constant need to move on to the next item of interest.

The need to know, as opposed to a desire for real knowledge, perhaps sums up best this placing. In addition, the subject needs to pass on their knowledge to others, and is likely to have good powers of communication with their children.

A sense of cunning colors the instincts, and a certain shrewd cleverness will emerge, especially when the subject is challenged in argument, since their replies can have a sharp edge.

Feelings and emotions are usually easily put into words, unless the Moon's aspects indicate otherwise.
The basic fluctuations of the Moon's influence can indicate changes in education at school, as opposed to college. An aversion to routine can result in many changes of mind and in loss of time through capricious peregrinations.
A willingness to cater to the whims of family and friends can make the subject particularly susceptible to environmental influences.
In essence though, this should be a good position for the Moon as far as the ability to talk through emotional problems is concerned.

Third House Mercury

This is the Mercury/Gemini house, so the planet's influence will be strong. Great curiosity, a need to communicate and mobility are all important to this individual.
Mental agility and the powers of perception are usually good, and they are mentally and intellectually alert. The subject is likely to spend a lot of time on the telephone, writing letters, (e-mails) and expressing their thoughts.
There is a strong need to know of events in the family and immediate environment, and keeping up with news stories is almost obligatory; newspapers and magazines will be read voraciously.
Although there is a quest for knowledge it can be on a very superficial level, so one is encouraged to deepen and broaden the intellect, with the development of a more consistent mental effort, and more serious in-depth achievements.
Mercury in its natural house stimulates the mind and body alike. It denotes a person who is clever and witty, especially in the use of words, but who may not bother to think deeply about the meaning of their apt phrases.
Their alertness, adaptability, and versatility enable them to express ideas fluently, and they will probably have practical abilities along a variety of lines. They may be a jack-of-all-trades, but whether they will master any one of them depends upon other factors in the chart, since Mercury is less master than servant of the gods.
Many short journeys, superficial contacts, and passing fancies can be expected of this peripatetic placing.

Third House Venus

A person with Venus in the third house can usually express themselves agreeably, especially in letters and short writings. They are interested in art and culture but may be dabblers, flitting from flower to flower, like a hummingbird sipping one dainty drop of nectar from each blossom.
Pleasure is derived from visiting museums, beauty spots, and a variety of unusual or exotic places, and then sending colored postcards about them to friends and relatives.

There is an ability to communicate sympathetically, and a mutual and natural understanding should develop between the individual and close relations.
Intellectual challenge is a great pleasure, and difficult topics are often studied slowly and carefully, with considerable success. Large, glossy encyclopedias will be appreciated.
Socializing is important, and they will enjoy entertaining in a pleasant, relaxed, but mentally stimulating atmosphere. This is a fortunate position for anyone who likes to bring people together for parties, pleasure trips, educational seminars, or for lively conversations that quicken and refine the mind.

Third House Mars

Very often, this individual will have been keen to make good progress at school, and will have enjoyed their school days, provided the instructors were enthusiastic and encouraging. An interest in education may stay with the individual, who will enjoy mental challenges.
Parents of children with this placing must watch carefully for any aggressiveness directed toward weaker classmates. This child can be extremely competitive, especially in sport, and should be encouraged to participate in competitions that will further progress in subjects that are enjoyed and in which talent is shown.
An argumentative tendency can be present, though discussions - often very heated at times - will give much pleasure. If there is a burning cause or interest, this person will do everything possible to communicate those opinions and ideas in order to arouse the enthusiasm of others.
Inquisitiveness is also common. One will be fired by a sense of urgency, with a need to know the answers to questions at once, and likely a lack of patience when kept waiting.
One may have to struggle to obtain an education. Then, having stacked their mind with practical information, they explore ways of translating thought into action. The senses are keen, particularly with regard to discerning and anticipating changes in the environment.
When home conditions, family, or neighbors get on their nerves, they have little hesitancy in remarking on their deficiencies, even if it sets off a dispute. There may be rivalry with siblings and relatives, though there is also an instinct to take a rather warrior-like stance in the protection of brothers and sisters.
This Mercury-tinged Mars confers executive prowess in matters pertaining to literature and education. It provides the verbal tools to express opinions cogently and to serve as an intellectual gadfly.
Advanced driving training is advisable, as one may have a tendency to drive too fast, irrespective of Mars' sign.

Third House Jupiter

This is the Gemini house and has strong connections with the mind. Jupiter is also the planet of the intellect, so Jupiter's influence will enhance the need to exercise the mind, and intellectual challenge will be taken up with the greatest possible enthusiasm.

The need to share opinions, and even impose them, may be powerful. The ability to communicate should be excellent. One may do much good when exercising these qualities, since the sense of justice will ensure that actions follow words.

The desire to continue to learn and sometimes to educate oneself will last well after the school years have ended, and the individual will have a great desire for both physical and mental mobility. They are encouraged to have careful training when learning to drive a car, ride a bicycle, motorcycle or horse, since a certain wildness at times take over.

Jupiter in the third house expands the mind, enabling it to gather a plethora of details into a comprehensive scheme, and to expound the conclusions reached in logical, concise terms. Teaching and travel lead to a multitude of human contacts. A broad outlook combines with attention to details to produce a first-rate scholar and lecturer.

This combination is sometimes a little conventional but can grow with the times. It gives popularity with relatives and close associates who may boost the subject in their rise to eminence and then hang on to the coat tails as they ascend the pyramid of fame and fortune.

Third House Saturn

Since Saturn must clamp down somewhere in a chart, this is as good a placement as any. It denotes a serious, orderly, and concentrated mind which tends toward orthodoxy and the retention of accepted ideas.

Under affliction, it limits the early education or makes the school years an ordeal too grimly endured. It can produce depression but, even under a cloud, the thinking is usually realistic. Intellectually, these people can be late bloomers and their minds continue to develop right into old age.

They may have a penchant for keeping lists and organizing details. Sometimes they find themselves involved in time-consuming projects which isolate them from the people in the immediate environment.

The chances are that there were disruptions to school days, or the individual hated school and was very unhappy there. However, maybe such difficulties were overcome, resulting in the individual developing some very special qualities which eventually led to a position of responsibility and prominence - becoming first in the class, perhaps.

In that case, Saturn was working positively, but at the same time placing the subject in a remote and somewhat isolated position.

There may be a tendency to blame weaknesses and failures on the education. If this occurs one must discover the truth of the matter; it may be simply an excuse, in which case a change of attitude is most desirable.
This house is connected with the mind, so there is a good chance of the individual being sensible and practical, with the ability to make cautious long-term plans. They may also have an inner need to fill any gaps in their education.

Third House Uranus

Uranus in the third house gives an urge to move about and expose the mind to new concepts. It can indicate the unconventional background of a person who, having spurned the academic highroad to success, educates themselves according to their own lights.
Such an individual may end up flying while others plod along the ground, but their course is apt to be erratic and lead to strange destinations. Abrupt changes of mind result in breaks with close associates, but may win the admiration of the few who can see the rationale behind these mental gyrations.
This adds brilliance and originality to the mind. The individual will make somewhat erratic progress at school and may not take very easily or kindly to discipline.
Parents of children with this placing should consider these characteristics: too much restriction at school will cramp what is probably a lively, free-ranging mind that needs plenty of stimulation.
If Uranus is positively aspected, the planet's cool logic and rational outlook will be present and the individual will definitely want logical answers to their questions. This trait will emerge from a very early age, and will persist throughout life.
If Uranus is in a fixed sign and negatively aspected, the stubbornness and perversity so typical of its influence will certainly be apparent, and in many cases it is likely that some willful contrariness will be present.
Anyone conducting a discussion or argument with the subject should present the opposite opinion in order to achieve the desired action or response!

Third House Neptune

Neptune in the third house scatters the mind but compensates with intuition. An interest in extrasensory perception may be accompanied by genuine clairvoyance, but the unwary can delude themselves into fancying their hallucinations to be revelations from on high.
The ability to tap hidden channels of the psyche may lead to inspired thinking or it may cause a diffusiveness baffling to people in the immediate environment. A person with this placement often changes their name or adopts a pseudonym. Frequently, they feel themselves to be a medium for ideas which reach them from an unseen source.

Parents of children with this placing should be on their guard if they want to have any more children; the influence of Neptune may confuse the elder sibling's attitude towards the younger. For example, there may be an above-average show of jealousy, simply because the child finds the situation bewildering. Other areas of the child's chart will show the way through this possible difficulty - and we wish to stress that it is only a possibility.
Early education is often unsettled, and there may have been tendencies to spend time in daydreaming at school, so that concentration on the matter in hand was very poor. As a result the subject may have gained rather unsatisfactory grades.
This is a house related to the mind, nonetheless, so there is a good chance that the imagination will be heightened by this placing, especially if the chart as a whole shows imaginative flair. Some astrologers believe that this placing enhances the voice; the subject certainly may have the potential for singing, and there is often a subtle delicacy in the tone of the voice, and also good projection.

Third House Pluto

Pluto in the house of intellect quickens the desire to extend the normal bounds of thought and to solve mysteries. Strongly aspected, it provides the impetus to break down deep-seated repressions in communicating ideas about sex, death, and the afterlife.
It can make a muckraking journalist, a penetrating psychoanalyst, a clever hypnotist, or an ingenious criminal. This placement is also conducive to studies relating to nuclear science and atomic research.
The need to communicate (third house) and the tendency to be secretive and silent (Pluto), is a contradiction in terms, yet the two qualities are combined in this placing.
A powerful element of curiosity and a searching kind of mind are denoted by Pluto's tenancy of the third house. Very little will be missed by the individual, despite the characteristic tendency to wear a blank facial expression, especially when in boring company, thereby giving the impression that he or she is totally cut off from the surroundings. In fact, everything that is happening and being said will be noted - almost nothing will have escaped the subject's attention.
If Gemini is prominent in the chart, or Pluto is in Virgo, this placing may be a splendid supporting factor for someone who has inclinations towards investigative journalism or detective work.
Parents with children who have Pluto in Scorpio in this house must always make a point of answering their every question very thoroughly indeed, since superficiality or a glossing over of the facts will not be tolerated at any price.

FOURTH HOUSE: The House of Home and Parents - The field of heredity

Base of operations. Psychological roots. All that surrounds, protects, and nourishes the self. Family and racial traditions. The mother. The end of life. Early subconscious conditioning. The place of residence.

Fourth House Sun

The person born with the Sun in the fourth house is usually rooted in home and tradition with a powerful instinct to protect and conserve the institutions with which they identify.

They may be profoundly conditioned by their racial background, family history, and by the symbols of their culture. As well, they may know a great deal about their ancestors and take pride in their' accomplishments.

Success is likely in businesses relating to women, food, housing, and fundamental necessities.

Many fourth-house people select a vocation which allows them to have an office in their home or to develop land and property.

Fourth House Moon

This placement of the Moon gives a wistful desire for peace and contentment which is often denied by a restless, unsatisfied nature. Many changes of residence and frequent renovations within the home may betray "an edifice complex" springing from a need to see one's inner self reflected in one's surroundings.

A powerful maternal influence - constructive or destructive as the case may be - can underlie a lifelong search for, or effort to serve as, a mother figure. More commonly, a preoccupation with food, antiques, ancient customs, genealogy, old houses, and all such appurtenances of gracious living, grows out of the craving to feel a sense of continuity with the best that the past has to offer.

Fourth House Mercury

A fourth house Mercury gives a need to establish a niche in the world of ideas. It encourages home studies and settlement in some congenial milieu dominated by an educational institution or group of like-minded people. This could be a favorable position for residence on a school or college campus, or in an area dominated by bright, youthful, and active thinkers.

Psychological nourishment is drawn from accumulated knowledge and from a mastery of the techniques of daily living. There may be a tendency to collect cookbooks, to tinker with household gadgets, and to make continual domestic improvements.

The mind is equipped with sensitive feelers which facilitate an adjustment to the immediate situation.

Fourth House Venus

The love of family and children associated with Venus in the fourth house is conducive to domestic harmony.
One needs to be surrounded by beautiful things and is happy puttering about the house and kitchen. This individual can entertain graciously and knows how to make guests feel welcome.
A flair for interior decorating, inn-keeping, catering, or work as a receptionist, host, or hostess makes the person with this placement an asset wherever there is a need to create an atmosphere of culture and refinement.

Fourth House Mars

Much energy may be rewardingly spent on improving and redecorating the home. Some people with this placing can periodically become bored with their homes, so that they move house many times. Yet the very forcefulness of the endeavor may prove disruptive.
This individual is seldom temperamentally equipped to sustain harmony in the dwelling place and can drag up bones of contention, which irritate those who are closest to them.
Often they are emotionally ambivalent toward parents and family, wanting to do the right thing but stirring up dissension despite apparent efforts to be affable. Feelings of insecurity give rise to contradictory attitudes of retention and rejection of the people and objects most cherished.

Fourth House Jupiter

This is an auspicious portent for a happy home. Family conditions will probably exert a strong influence in shaping character. Benefits are derived from parents, and prosperity increases with advancing years.
These basically self-confident individuals often buy big homes, are generous and hospitable, and lavish attention on their children.
They want to feel a sense of belonging to the community in which they reside and would likely rather lead a rich, full life than struggle for worldly fame.

Fourth House Saturn

Saturn's house may not be beautiful but its walls endure and no termite dares to gnaw at its supporting beams.
This person wants to be sure of themselves and of their place in society, even though it may involve confining their activities to a limited area where they are known and respected.
They are likely to be conservative and to take on the role of family disciplinarian. An ingrained dislike of change may stem from an un-admitted fear of the unknown.
Saturn at the base of the horoscope can be acquisitive, clinging tenaciously to that which has been acquired.
Frequently, it shows heavy responsibilities and problems in the home.

Fourth House Uranus

Uranus in the fourth house shows the possibility of sudden changes or breakups in the household. In some way the living conditions will be peculiar or out of the ordinary.

Unconventional habits or private eccentricities run counter to family and racial tradition.

A person with Uranus fermenting in the depths of their personality is likely to have difficulty settling down anywhere.

They question the implicit values upon which people base their assumptions and insist upon remaining free from binding commitments to home and community.

Fourth House Neptune

A diffused dissatisfaction with domestic conditions may be too vague to trace to its origins. This is the "skeleton in the closet" combination, often betraying some secret in connection with one's home or ancestry.

A person with Neptune in the fourth house may reside or work in an institution for an extended period of time, especially toward the end of their life.

Despite efforts to stabilize their affairs, they may feel a sense of inner uncertainty and be beset by insidious fears and anxieties.

If the higher side of Neptune can be invoked, they might help to run an ashram, refugee center, sanitarium, or spiritual retreat.

Fourth House Pluto

The planet which shatters in the house which shelters is hardly conducive to easeful conditions. Pluto in the fourth house can resemble a volcano seething beneath a serene landscape. When afflicted, it generates an inner tension which periodically sends forth sparks of irritation or temper.

One should apply themselves to the study of human nature, especially their own, if they are to avoid succumbing to deep-rooted psychological complexes.

A well-aspected Pluto in the fourth house augurs success in sub-surface endeavors such as archaeology, undersea work, mining, espionage, and psychiatry.

FIFTH HOUSE: The House of Offspring - The field of personal self-expression

Projection of the self into the world. Children. Artistic creations. Displays. Speculation. Love affairs. Games, amusements, and recreations. "Brain" children. Hobbies. Talents. Pleasures.

Fifth House Sun

The Sun in its own house is a genuinely sunny influence giving a fondness for social, romantic, and theatrical occasions. There is a hearty desire to have fun, enjoy life, and entertain an appreciative audience.

A charming manner may spring from the desire to occupy the center of the stage and to be admired and beloved by all. This individual can be a show-off, beaming their attention to everyone, wearing the spotlight like a crown, and wanting to present themselves at their best.

In the fifth house the Sun may, yet need not, reveal artistic creativity and radiant spontaneity in self-expression.

There can also be a strong urge for the use of power and perhaps leadership, particularly in situations which call for intense vitality.

This is the house of children, so if the subject is a parent they may tend to push her children to the forefront (sometimes to their embarrassment or reluctance). Care is needed that the parent does not push their offspring in the direction they once wished to take themselves, thereby living vicariously through them.

The love and sex lives are well focused, and while the Sun sign itself will denote the approach and attitude to love, the need for fulfillment and positive, rewarding expression will assume an importance that is greater than average.

The vital forces tend to be expressed in adventurous and perhaps speculative actions which are usually rich in emotional content but often egocentric and may represent merely a way out of inner pressures which seem intolerable.

To put it another way, emotional and physical risks are likely to be taken. There may well be an inherent affection, or even a need, for danger (sometimes to life and limb), which may be satisfied through hazardous sports. In some extreme cases the urge to gamble can become excessive.

Fifth House Moon

The gift of the fifth-house Moon is a pleasure-seeking temperament spiced with a whimsical sense of humor. This individual cultivates a dramatic style of living and loving which makes them the focus of attention in social gatherings. Innately artistic, they crave recognition but may be at the mercy of their moods in exploiting latent talents. Unless the feelings are invested in a project, it could be hard for this person to produce the desired results. If they can refrain from dissipating their forces in the pursuit of transitory diversions, they may come into their own in the field of public entertainment and amusement.

The Moon's creative urge may be directed towards the procreation of children, with great joy gained from parenthood. Doing the right thing for the child will be quite instinctive, and the individual will know the best course of action without reference to books or other guidance.

This is also the house of lovemaking. While the placing will make for a responsive sexual partner, the purely creative side of lovemaking must be expressed, as opposed to indulgence in sexual pleasure for its own sake.
There is a frequent instinct to show off, with times when this person will be overtly showy and extrovert. Then, as a result of a quick change of mood, the introspective areas of the Moon's influence will assert themselves and they may recoil from previous actions.

Fifth House Mercury

This individual needs to shine mentally, to formulate clever or brilliant concepts, and to communicate thoughts in a personally inspiring way. As a teacher, they enjoy stimulating the intelligence of young people and helping them to express themselves cogently. They like to dwell upon the lives and accomplishments of celebrities and to bask in their glory by commenting on their words. They may find their metier as an agent, speechwriter, or assistant to a well-known person.
Romances usually involve mind-to-mind contact and spark arousing exchanges of ideas. This house has an important bearing on love affairs, so the feelings are often expressed in a way that will achieve precisely the right reaction from the object of affection. What is said under such circumstances may prove to be simply flattery, but nevertheless it will have the desired effect... Every aspect of an intended love affair is likely to be planned in advance, but the changeability of Mercury will almost certainly encourage some duality in this sphere of life.
Games of chance may also attract, as will leisure pursuits that challenge the intellect, such as chess. If creativity is indicated in other areas of the chart this placing could enhance it. This will be especially so in literary or craft work, where the dexterous use of the hands is an essential part of the process.

Fifth House Venus

This fortuitous combination favors success in human relationships through the cultivation of an affable personality.
An instinct for self-dramatization is implemented by a distinctive sense of style which is modified by a diplomatic appraisal of other people's tastes and reactions.
Artistic abilities are expressed in refined and agreeable ways, especially in activities involving children and young people. Venus in the fifth house can make a delightful teacher who entertains as well as instructs and who inspires students to undertake creative projects on their own. Children are a source of pleasure and pride.
Appreciation of the arts is present, and if the birth chart shows creative ability (perhaps for music, fashion design or painting), this placing will certainly enhance it.

The love life will be colorful and is most important, with the subject enjoying much romantic reverie. There will be a tendency to put the loved one on a pedestal, and consequently pain is possible when things go wrong.
A love of luxury and the chance of the subject being stylish and elegant is high. A fascination with financial risk-taking can be disastrous - control is advised on any gambling instincts.
Skillful games, such as chess or bridge, are likely to be played with talent and enjoyment.

Fifth House Mars

Spontaneous combustion is the keyword here. Everything is done with verve. This person is up and doing when it comes to devising challenging and exciting diversions. They enjoy competitive sports, races, and amusements involving strenuous physical activity, particularly if they provide an opportunity for the individual to cover themselves with glory.
Love affairs are zestfully pursued, for one is not afraid to gamble with their own or other people's emotions. There can be clashes with children who resent the high-pressure tactics of adults who try to live their lives for them. A fifth-house Mars directs energy into creative enterprises, but its dynamism needs discipline and control.
An extremely active and rewarding love life is highly likely, with an additional emphasis on sexual pleasure. This person is likely an assertive lover who wants to take the lead sexually, and who will need plenty of response from the partner. Passion will be shown in a very positive way, and there will be much fun and enjoyment. Pleasure will be taken in children - either the their own or others - and perhaps in groups such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and so on.
An inclination for risk-taking may be evident, and perhaps the individual will have something of a gambling spirit. The sign in which Mars is placed will decree how such a tendency can be controlled, and there may even be some conflict between the need for this kind of excitement (Mars) and the need to restrain it (the relevant sign).
A colorful flair will be added to any creative talent shown in other areas of the chart, but there will not be much patience in its execution. Enthusiasm and energy will be poured into any interest, creative or otherwise. This is also an excellent influence on sporting activities, as it is another house placing that encourages competitiveness.

Fifth House Jupiter

This position is typified by the entrepreneur who inspires respectful attention as they make their way in the world through sheer force of character. Often they lead a privileged life which they accept as their rightful due. Fun and games are enjoyed, but the need to make some significant contribution to society underlies the drive for personal expression and expansion. Jupiter in

the fifth house promotes popularity and success in teaching, politics, the ministry, and the entertainment business. It usually gives a number of children and happiness though them.
This is something of a mixed blessing. At its best it will certainly bestow great optimism and enthusiasm. If the chart shows creative flair in other areas Jupiter will definitely enhance any talents, especially for acting or painting. However, Jupiter can get rather carried away here and needs stabilizing if one is to gain the most from this placing. Enthusiasm and optimism can run wild, and as a result one may tend to take risks. Which is fine providing these are calculated (this will show in other areas - a well-aspected Saturn would help enormously), but if Jupiter is squared or opposed by the Sun, Moon or Mars, there can be considerable recklessness when taking risks of all kinds.
A liking for gambling must be guarded against. This person will love life and live it fully. They will be marvelous company and a source of inspiration and encouragement to friends and family. There may be a strong tendency to show off, and a well-developed sense of drama.
There is a powerful influence on the love life, and over the years this individual may have more partners than most... Great generosity is likely to be shown to them, both emotionally and materially. There is also especial joy in parenthood, and the relationship with children will be positive and rewarding.
Nevertheless, this can be a rather exaggerated placing and needs firm handling if Jupiter is to act at its best.

Fifth House Saturn

Here one may suspect that they have been "sat on" by Saturn, for the shadow of this heavy planet falls darkly on the house of pleasures and love affairs. The result is personal austerity and the enforcement of rigid controls in expressing romantic sentiments. If discipline is not exercised, affairs of the heart bring more pain than pleasure.
This person wants to be in a position of recognized authority but may not be sufficiently popular to command the attention they expect. It may be difficult to relax easily and they can feel that even their recreations should serve a practical purpose.
Since this is the Leo/Sun house it has a bearing on the father, and when Saturn occupies it, the chances are that he was very domineering and dogmatic, making the subject feel inhibited.
Rather differently, when the subject becomes a parent he or she will be very ambitious for the children, spending much time and money on what is considered best for them. Sometimes there is a tendency to push them into areas into which they do not want to go, and for which they have no real talent, simply because the parent sees the child as a clone of themselves.
Creative talent is often present, though it may be slow to develop. The subject might not be sure what to do, but the urge to make and create may be strong.

The attitude to love affairs is deadly serious. Despite a powerful need for them, the desire to do the right thing will probably act as a sobering force, so that the subject will experience few relationships before making a total commitment to a partner.
In a round-about way, the father's influence may make its presence felt here, especially for men, and in women's attitude towards, and their feelings about, men.

Fifth House Uranus

A person with Uranus in the fifth house may have unusual ways of demonstrating their creative abilities They are prone to engage in unconventional love affairs and seek original forms of diversion. There are apt to be breaks with and separations from the children. Mental and physical offspring can be out of the ordinary and may fail or succeed in a spectacular manner. This rugged individualist has little patience with the role-playing mannerisms with which people clothe their deeper urges, and may entirely ignore the gambits of the social game in order to propagate their own unique ideas and inclinations.
In someone who has and expresses creative potential, it encourages originality and adds brilliance to the end product, which will probably be colorful in every way. There will be a positive and lively attitude toward love, with the subject usually fairly fearless of emotional risks.
Sometimes, especially if fire signs are prominent in the chart, there is a tendency to take risks and if Uranus is negatively aspected the risks will not be calculated, and the individual may at times be more than usually in danger.
Uranus' influence on the subject's children infers that they will be clever and unusual, with excellent potential. However, they may not be easy to cope with, since they are likely to have many different interests and therefore exert more demands on their parents' time, energy and money. Such efforts will probably be very worthwhile in the long run.

Fifth House Neptune

The person with Neptune in the fifth house has a natural affinity for show business. They respond to the lure of movies, theaters, nightspots, casinos, and all beguilements which feature the casting of illusions.
They may undergo peculiar experiences with regard to matters of the heart. Chaotic love affairs and sexual misadventures can leave a bitter residue of regrets for having surrendered to the impulse of the moment.
This position of Neptune may also indicate an unusual child or some obscure problem with regard to offspring. In some cases it impels an individual to care for children who are retarded, deformed, or in need of special attention.

Fifth House Pluto

Pluto in the fifth house can give weird erotic adventures and sudden uncontrollable impulses to dispense money on expensive pleasures. Afflicted, it brings contacts with the underworld through gambling and dubious forms of entertainment. Harmoniously expressed, this same energy seeks esthetically gratifying outlets such as avant-garde art, dancing, and yoga. There may be a peculiarly karmic situation with regard to offspring who are self-willed and difficult to control.

If creativity is indicated in other areas of the chart, the individual will strive with considerable determination to exploit his or her potential in this field. Even if the odds are stacked against this, the subject's strength of will and expenditure of emotional energy can often win through in the end. As a result, there is considerable inner psychological fulfillment, even if, technically speaking, what is produced is of a rather low standard.

The love life is also affected by this placing. It will probably be both intense and very rich, but sometimes the subject may expect too much of lovers, so that real satisfaction is not always achieved and the individual is forever seeking perfection. There will almost inevitably be an above-average number of love affairs but, for the reasons already stated, it may not be easy for the individual to be completely logical in her attitude towards such emotional relationships.

A compulsive tendency to take risks may also be present. These will often be emotional, but can sometimes be physically daring or concerned with financial affairs.

SIXTH HOUSE: The House of Work and Health - The field of service

Employment and employees. Duties, practical responsibilities, and mundane tasks. Daily work. Servants and dependents. Pets and small animals. Diet. Sickness and health. Hygiene and sanitation.

Sixth House Sun

This position makes a faithful and conscientious employee. The subject may be an efficient administrator but usually performs most smoothly when carrying out orders or running a previously established business. They will labor punctiliously to develop specialized skills and to produce objects requiring expert craftsmanship.

Since the body is their most valuable instrument, health and hygiene are subjects of scrupulous concern. Their interest in diet, nutrition, and physical fitness is too great to permit much self-indulgence but there can be a tendency to succumb to worry and mental anxieties owing to a compulsion to do everything perfectly.

Hard work or concentration will draw energy from sources of strength deep within the individual. Crises and transforming events will be met with great

stamina and faith. It should be evident to the person that such challenging events have to, and can be successfully met.
A sense of dedication to a highly stimulating task is expected, but the Sun in the house which also refers to health and illness can signify the need to use one's will power for self-healing. It does not mean low vitality, but the focusing of vital energies for the purpose of overcoming some weakness, karma, or the result of misdeeds.
In the sixth house the Sun may indicate the value in following the path of service, devotion, and discipleship, for a masterful individual may illumine that path.

Sixth House Moon

If something requires mending, improving, editing, refining, or reforming, the person with the Moon in the sixth house not only has practical suggestions to offer, but is likely to follow through with personal efforts to remedy the situation.
This is an appropriate placement for anyone who serves the public by providing food, drink, or medical facilities. It makes a capable civil servant, especially in the departments of health, sanitation, and welfare. It is also felicitous for homemaking, domestic service, and for officials charged with the responsibility of maintaining public places in efficient running order.
Since these people tend to be worriers, a quiet life can spare them emotional tension and accompanying nervous and digestive upsets.
This placing will have an important effect on the health and well-being. It is important that the subject develops good steady habits and overcomes such negative ones as smoking, drinking or drug-taking, which will all have a more than usually adverse effect.
A steady work routine should also be aimed for, so the Moon's emotional forces and responses can develop into a steady rhythm and a balance can then be maintained.
Diet is influenced by the sixth house and this, too, must be regulated, for in adverse conditions there may be a tendency to binge on comfort food, or perhaps to become anorexic. The likelihood that these possibilities may occur is especially pronounced when the individual needs to retreat from difficult situations.

Sixth House Mercury

Mercury, the servant of the gods, is appropriately domiciled in the house of employment. Individuals with this congenial placement should use their analytical ability in professions requiring detailed work and expert craftsmanship.
They are well suited to be medical technicians and to enter branches of industry for which specialized training is required. Computers and electronic devices appeal to their love of efficiency and they can handle intricate

machinery with delicacy and finesse. If, however, they become bogged down in details, they may strain their nerves endeavoring to be too precise.
Mercury's influence is considerably strengthened in this placing, since the planet occupies its own Virgo house. Diet will be of particular interest and there may be sympathy for vegetarianism or natural foods. However, sometimes the concentration on diet can be excessive, with the person constantly trying new and different eating plans. Faddishness in eating can also occur in children with this placing.
Very often people with this placing respond particularly well to homeopathic remedies and holistic medicine.
There is often a liking for routine and for serving others, since the individual will be sympathetic towards a well-organized existence. However, this does not necessarily mean that they are good at organizing themselves. Knowing what is expected and carrying it out to perfection is more likely. This is, for instance, a good placing for a personal assistant.
The powers of communication are excellent, but very often a sharp critical edge will be quite forcibly expressed according to Mercury's sign placing. There is also an ability to analyze every aspect of each task and project undertaken, and to talk through any resulting problems, thereby contributing a great deal of practical assistance to the eventual outcome.

Sixth House Venus

Venus in the sixth house imparts a desire to make conditions more attractive so that work may become a pleasure. This individual will labor assiduously to promote higher standards of beauty and excellence in whatever business they embrace.
Often they are drawn to industries connected with cosmetics, health, commercial art, and the appraising of valuable objects. They make an astute critic or connoisseur, able to discriminate between products of varying quality and explain why one thing is better than another.
There may also be an aptitude for nursing, social work, and all occupations requiring a combination of technical skill and a pleasing personality.
The desire for exercise is not usually increased but the need may be, since rich food and wine will be enjoyed. There is also a distinct possibility of weight problems which may be thyroid-related, since the metabolism could be slow.
The individual will either be very good at following a constant work routine or languid, tending to procrastinate over regular jobs. A steady routine is best, as it can stabilize or even increase the metabolism.
There will be a dislike of working in dirty or unpleasant environments, although these may be tolerated if the end product is aesthetically pleasing. Pottery or horticulture could attract for instance.
Good manners are important, and the subject will set an excellent example to others but be quick to criticize them over any lapses.

Sixth House Mars

People born with Mars in the sixth house are seldom afraid of challenging jobs or of heavy labor involving cutting instruments. They are hard working and industrious but are liable to overexert in their determination to cope with a multitude of details. Many serve in the armed forces or in trades such as metalworking, engineering, and sanitation. Often they belong to unions.

Employment in large corporations, civil service, or the teaching professions appeals to them more than the idea of going into business for themselves, since they prefer to get on with the tasks to be done and leave the headaches of administration to others.

Although they are keen workers, they are seldom diplomats and may clash with subordinates with whom they can be quite exacting in their demand for efficiency.

On a more physical level, there could be a tendency to suffer from skin complaints, with rashes or allergies causing annoyance when they are under stress or coping with any tense situation.

Here is someone who is probably one of the world's workers, and while there will be little patience with dreary, boring routine, they are energetically disciplined and aim to carry out the daily round of work with military precision.

The assertive side of Mars may not be quite so noticeable here, but a willingness to serve and be energetically helpful will be present.

There may be a tendency to nag when annoyed.

Sixth House Jupiter

This position indicates a capacity for loyal and devoted service. The person whose natal Jupiter is in the sixth house will toil cheerfully and put the best of themselves into their job. This would be a helpful person to have in a corporation where they might inspire cooperation and maintain morale.

They are well suited to supervisory and personnel work, and can be particularly useful in any position where a friendly human touch is needed to make the cogs of the social machine mesh more smoothly. They reduce friction, adjust factions, and generally fulfill the function of keeping everything in efficient running order. Their job is extremely important to them and should bring personal as well as financial satisfaction.

Here, the Jupiter keyword, "expansion", can have physical effects. Depending on the sign, weight gain (and a difficulty in subsequently losing it) can often cause problems, not simply because they enjoy food a little too much, but also because the metabolism may be rather slow. The subject is warned that they can overdo things all too easily.

Too much work, too much food or too much inaction can have a serious effect on the body and/or liver. If there is awareness of what is being done to the system, and bad eating, drinking, or smoking habits are gradually corrected, long-term damage will be averted. Ideally, a disciplined lifestyle is needed,

and they will gain a sense of security from its steady rhythm; a tendency to harmful excess may then be avoided.
Being of help to others comes naturally, and this individual will hurry to someone's aid as soon as it is requested. Generosity is shown by serving others, and one will freely give time, and often money, plus a natural cheery optimism; it is easy for the subject to tell when and where help is needed.

Sixth House Saturn

While there is an ability to work very carefully and hard, there may be an obsessive adherence to routine, and perhaps even a tendency to grumble continually about one's lot in life, since the work being carried out may not be what one really wants.
There is often a reluctance to change, however, since risk-taking can be rather frightening. Such an approach will, of course, relate to a lack of self-confidence and an over-critical attitude toward what is being achieved.
A person with Saturn in the sixth house will be conscientious and dutiful, even when obliged to toil at dull chores. This position gives competence in secretarial and clerical work, bookkeeping, editing, and tasks requiring prolonged attention to detail.
It is advantageous for difficult jobs, since the mind can be induced to concentrate on the task at hand. A stolid exterior may mask a tendency to worry and to harbor hidden anxieties which can affect the health.
This is a house of health, so Saturn's placing here may indicate a weakness towards the ailments attributed to the Saturn sign. More generally, there may be rheumatic aches and pains, and perhaps a particular vulnerability to damp weather conditions.
Especial care should be given to the teeth, and perhaps one should take extra calcium to strengthen teeth and bones. (Calcium is also good for all women after menopause, and particularly for those with this placing.)

Sixth House Uranus

A sixth-house Uranus indicates a person who insists upon their own way of doing things, even if they have never been done that way before. They need the freedom to develop specialized abilities and original techniques. They may find an outlet for their inventiveness in fields connected with electricity, aeronautics, and the handling of scientific apparatus.
They are at their best when they can be their own boss. Their work may be of an unusual nature, demanding irregular hours and adjustments to peculiar conditions. There is a likelihood of breaks with employers and abrupt changes of job.
When placed in the sixth house, the brilliance of Uranus will have an exciting effect on the intellect, probably giving some flair for innovation.
The attitude towards routine work will be complex. The Virgo/sixth house likes and needs a steady routine and some security at work, but the Uranian

influence here is disruptive, often causing the individual to become fed up with routine tasks.
The even flow of both physical and nervous energy, and the establishment of an overall pattern to the life are encouraged. In order to avoid stress, it is suggested that one introduces plenty of variety, with a different pattern and routine for every day of the week.
Adopting such a constructive plan will help to gain inner fulfillment and complete whatever has to be done.
The health may not always be particularly strong and robust, and the subject can frequently be laid low by a minor infection or simply feel out of sorts. The real reason for this may easily be strain and tension, but worry and an inability to relax are also distinct possibilities.
The diet should be very carefully watched: the subject may eat erratically and not very sensibly.

Sixth House Pluto

A sixth-house Pluto gives the power to uncover and analyze invidious conditions. The individual may serve as a troubleshooter in their job and can clean up messes with which others are unable to cope.
Pluto in the natural house of Mercury can be particularly helpful to a psychologist who, by encouraging their patients to talk, brings long-standing mental problems out into the open where they can be dealt with rationally. It stimulates an interest in psychosomatic medicine and a concern for the dangers posed by careless pollution of air and water.
The subject with this placing may be a great stickler for routine and discipline. There will be a tendency to be rather hard on the self, however, and as a result whichever tasks have to be tackled can become an obsession.
If these tendencies are controlled and Pluto can be made to work in a positive way from this house, this placing will enhance the individual's powers of concentration. The result may be that they will direct a great deal of energy toward concentrated work, which will prove to be of considerable benefit.
A negative effect on the health may be felt by those with this placing. If Pluto is negatively aspected there can be bowel problems (here we get Pluto's characteristic constipating action in the literal sense!), and if the individual suffers from a lack of emotional fulfillment, he or she may tend to overeat for the sake of the comfort that the food gives, thereby putting on too much weight.

SEVENTH HOUSE: The House of Partnerships - The field of relationships

Social consciousness. Cooperation and its lack. Peace and war. Marriage and divorce. Duos and duels. Open adversaries. Business partners. Legal contracts. Court trials. Formalities.

Seventh House Sun

People with the Sun in the seventh house often lead lives which are strongly influenced by others. Marriage and partnerships make or break them since they have a tendency to react to the people around them rather than to initiate projects on their own.

They need to feel connected with their families, friends, and the world in general, and think more in terms of establishing harmonious relationships than of striking out for themselves.

Their keen sense of proportion often makes them arbitrators who are called upon to balance one person or faction against another in order to maintain a precarious equilibrium. A willingness to compromise facilitates social adjustment, but sometimes at the cost of one's own individualism.

They will normally reach the clearest realization of their basic life purpose by associating with others in partnership and in view of establishing a foundation on which a joint participation in a social purpose can be based. Much will be given to the partner, physically and emotionally, for the Sun's vitality will be expressed in this sphere of life.

They may be a light to their partners, or they may discover their true vocation in dealing with matters of interpersonal relationship. In any case, interpersonal relationships will demand and receive much attention; they will draw out the best in the individual, according to the character of their self and destiny.

Seventh House Moon

The Moon in the seventh house gives a desire for social acceptance. A capacity to react to the subtle ambience of a situation makes this a person who can fit in almost anywhere. Their concern with what others are saying can produce a shallow preoccupation with fashion's changing fads and fancies, or it can underlie the ability to establish lines of sympathetic rapport with congenial associates.

Marriage is often undertaken for the sake of acquiring a home, and the family and social background of a potential partner is a compelling factor in determining whether they will be the chosen one. Changes in marital status are brought on by the spouse rather than by the person themselves.

While in many ways this placing adds to the individual's ability to respond well and sensitively to the partner's needs, there is a tendency to submerge the self totally in him or her. The resulting need for continuous rapport and togetherness with the partner, cultivated for emotional security, may lead to a lack of self-sufficiency.

The way in which the emotions are expressed towards the partner may not be constant, since the lunar tendency to changes in mood can at times cause emotional scenes. Sometimes they are provoked just to attract the partner's

attention, and increase the warmth of his or her affection, but the subject must realize the damage that can be done by such outbursts.
In the seventh house the Moon should provide the sensitivity needed to adapt oneself to a partner's idiosyncrasies and demands. Flexibility in matters of interpersonal relationships, particularly in marriage, is very important. The relationship itself should be nurtured, and even more care should be given to it than to the other partner. A partner should be selected who could respond to one's psychic projection, especially if the seventh house in a man's chart is being considered.

Seventh House Mercury

The naturally communicative Mercury finds a congenial milieu in the seventh house of social relationships. There is a tendency to form alliances with clever, articulate people and to seek a mate who can mirror passing thoughts and serve as an alter ego. Partners can be quick-witted and volatile, but not necessarily stable.
This position often instills a hankering to keep up with the world of the intelligentsia and to be "in the know." It makes an effective promoter of ideas who can tune in on public opinion and express themselves in a manner befitting the exigencies of a particular time and place.
The mind will grow and mature through human relationships more than by the study of books. One should be objective about and try to bring clarity to any relationship.
A good level of friendship is very necessary within personal relationships, and while the subject will have an excellent ability to communicate with the partner, this must be reciprocated. Gullibility, and a tendency to fall into the partner's way of thinking, can sometimes cause problems.
This is a lively house placing for anyone in a business partnership, and the individual may be a gifted salesperson, or able to convey ideas to partners, customers or clients. There may also be a good ability to bring together prospective partners. Or we may have a natural agent, a go-between, to negotiate between parties who are otherwise occupied.

Seventh House Venus

The need to share their life with someone is extremely important, and in order to fulfill it this individual may rush into emotional commitments. They should be careful though about the influence of the partner encroaching upon their own personality. This is because, at times, their identity could be lost or merged with that of the partner, through pure love, affection and admiration.
A well-rounded relationship should be aimed for, encompassing friendship, good communication and some element of working together for joint progress, as well as love, harmony, and a happy sex life.
The seventh house theoretically is the field of experiences in which Venus can truly radiate, but Venus may also insist that all intimate relationships

reveal their deepest significance and value. The quality of the relationship may be more important than the partner as an individual, yet without relationship life would seem barren.
Frequently, the partner is unusually talented or attractive, and a financial asset as well. There is a tendency to be continually reevaluating relationships in order to make them more felicitous and fruitful.
Sometimes with this position there is an inordinate craving for affection which causes people to expect a great deal from others. Success is likely in marriage, legal affairs, and partnerships in general.
Money and property may come from well-wishers and fortuitous circumstances.

Seventh House Mars

Mars in the seventh house can increase the likelihood of marital strife. Troubles can also arise through business partnerships and legal contracts. The spouse may be either strong and forceful, or aggressive and domineering.
Much positive energy will be directed toward partnerships and it may take some strength of will to make them work. Sometimes the partner may be pushed to the fore, to one's own detriment, but this should be countered. The subject must realize that their relationships are progressive and have a sense of purpose and direction.
If the harsher, quarrelsome side of the Martian influence is controlled, this placing can be helpful not just for couples that live together but also for those who work together, since their joint objectives are encouraged by the influence of Mars.
The connection between Mars and sexual activity is so strong that it might seem the sex life will dominate any love relationship. However, there is room for the other factors mentioned. Indeed, they are vital, as the need to keep the relationship alive, active and rewarding is essential. Energy and passion will ensure a happy and demonstrative sexual experience.
Litigations arise which are not self-engendered. Try as one will, they may find that their plans and expectations are disrupted by others.
This position can be felicitous for individuals engaged in competitive endeavors such as lawyers, soldiers, and promoters.

Seventh House Jupiter

The individual blessed with a seventh-house Jupiter stands a fine chance of gaining materially through marriage and partnerships. They tend to give the benefit of the doubt, with the result that people try to live up to their faith in them and to be helpful to the subject.
Much of their social and financial well-being can be attributed to the facility with which they impress influential people who are willing to promote their interests. They may also gain through litigation.

Relationships are often embarked upon at an early age by people with this placing, due to the challenge of developing an emotional relationship. Unfortunately, expectations of the partner are frequently far too high, so that when they are not fulfilled there is a tendency to give up, sometimes all too quickly.
The subject may take a rather superficial attitude to this sphere of life, and the Jupiter inclination to think that the grass is always greener on the other side may be the basic reason for such downfalls.
The individual is encouraged to think more seriously and to practice plenty of self-analysis.
Most importantly, they should discover what the partner really needs in relationship, for there is great potential if the positive, enthusiastic side of Jupiter is fully expressed.
Intellectual rapport is important, and the partner should be of equal intelligence and intellectual or educational development. If they are further ahead in these areas than the partner, the gap will definitely widen. However, if they are equal or, better still, if the partner is ahead, this will stimulate the subject as opposed to fostering a sense of frustration.
Here is a very assertive business partner - if natural enthusiasm is controlled - who will not lack ideas for company expansion. They may make a good front person, working with a steady behind-the-scenes associate who can attend to the details while they exercise their boundless breadth of vision.
Money may come to the individual which they have not been obliged to earn through their own efforts.

Seventh House Saturn

At its best, this encourages a serious attitude towards permanent relationships. The subject won't rush into marriage or a serious relationship, but will be a constant and faithful partner once committed in love. If Saturn is afflicted, the marriage may fail despite the individuals efforts to conform to expectations.
Frequently, this person will endure an unhappy marriage or an inefficient co-worker rather than lose face and upset an established routine.
There may be considerable differences in age in a relationship, with the individual needing a much older partner - a father- or mother-figure. A common outcome is the desire to marry for prestige or money, and the taking of a purely calculated attitude in doing so.
Love and romance might not be present, only the rising of the social status and mounting figures in the bank balance.
At its worst, this placing causes a certain heaviness in relationships, sometimes creating poor communication between partners.

Seventh House Uranus

With Uranus in the seventh house, radical changes are brought about by the unexpected actions of other people. There may be eccentricity or genius on the part of the mate, or the partner may be of a different race and creed, but in some way the marriage will be out of the ordinary.
Even though this person may be conservative themselves, they tend to become linked with bizarre people. Sudden alliances, separations, and startling developments punctuate their relationships. Consequently, they may make a special effort to avoid putting themselves at the mercy of powers over which they have no control.
A rather romantic outlook may be encouraged by another area of this Uranian influence, which also makes the individual magnetically attractive.

Seventh House Neptune

The person with Neptune in the seventh house often has such an exalted conception of marriage that they are disillusioned by the reality of the situation they encounter. They may marry out of pity or sentiment and then find themselves exploited and deceived.
Neptune on the sunset side of the horoscope can inspire the quest for "a soul mate." Its rhapsodic romances and "platonic" unions based on spiritual affinities are, however, notoriously ephemeral since, on the material plane, Neptune seldom expresses the higher side of its nature unless remarkably well aspected. What it offers is the opportunity to practice self-abnegation through partnership and thereby grow in tolerance and compassion.
The subject may find it difficult to settle into a permanent relationship. There will be high expectations of partners, and perhaps a tendency to live on cloud nine. Difficulties can arise, however, when the time comes for emotional commitment, as the individual may be unwilling to take such a step. Conversely, those with this placing will sometimes rush into relationships prematurely.
There is a great love of pure romance, and all being well, the subject will create an especially romantic or particularly imaginative atmosphere for the partner. However, attention must also be paid to the practical areas of life and with Neptune in the seventh the partner may have to take care of such responsibilities such as bill-paying, and the general organization of the practical side of the relationship.
The subject’s partner should, in fact, encourage the equal sharing of such tasks, otherwise there can be an upsetting lack of balance and harmony in the relationship.

Seventh House Pluto

Pluto in the seventh house brings strange experiences in marriage which never entirely come to light. It can denote compulsive involvements which make no sense to the casual observer, but which arise out of the need to settle a score left over from the past. There may be an awesome clash of

wills, or even violence, before the problems arising through partnerships are solved.
The person with a strongly aspected seventh-house Pluto should endeavor to fathom the deeper motives which propel them into relationships which do not serve their best interests.
Since this house emphasizes the polarity of the Ascendant, a great deal of its effect depends on the Pluto sign, the influence of which should be reread with considerable care.
It is possible that the subject with this placing needs to be the dominant partner in an emotional relationship. In extreme cases, it is possible that they will, probably unconsciously, seek a weaker personality as a partner for that very reason.
As far as business partnerships are concerned, here we have someone who will probably be excellent at dealing with the business/money side of the company. In fact, this placing works well for such business relationships, but complicates life for emotional partnerships.
As a result, while there will be some marvelous moments, there is an equal likelihood of some pretty severe storms from time to time.
On the whole, if the birth chart shows compassion, real sympathy and a good understanding of others, then the emotional forces within the individual with this placing will be enough for both them and their partner, and things should work out well.
Nevertheless, the highs and lows of relationships can make for an uneasy path in this sphere of life.

EIGHTH HOUSE: The uncovering of secrets - The House of investments – The field of renewal and release

Death and legacies. Other people's possessions. Business corporations. The stock market. Taxes. The partner's resources. Inheritances. Insurance. Elimination. The extraction of essences. Expenditures. Sex and regeneration. Research. Restoration. Psychoanalysis.

Eighth House Sun

Deep purposeful force and great emotional intensity are shown in this placing of the Sun. It is essential that the powers of intuition are used and controlled. There will almost inevitably be a need for self-knowledge, but in seeking it the tendency toward introspection is countered.
Sexual satisfaction is likely to be a powerful outlet for self-expression, and the creative power of the Sun ensures that its achievement will be of paramount importance. The individual will certainly analyze every aspect of his or her sexuality if this fulfillment is lacking, and in extreme cases must counter an inclination to be obsessive about it. The driving force of the Sun may focus

completely on sex for some people born with this placing, but for others it may center on money, its growth and the power that it brings. We often find those with this placing in financial careers. In a weak chart, or when the positive nature of the Sun is undermined by negative aspects, there may be a tendency to live in hopes of an inheritance.
Transformation is one traditional association of this house, and it is easily seen in the need for self-knowledge, from which the individual can grow, develop and eventually change. The attitude to death should be positive, with the subject regarding it in an objective way as the ultimate and final transformation.
Since the eighth house concerns the possessions and resources of other people, this position often shows a lesson to be learned through the handling of money. It gives the will to invest one's energies in collective enterprises and may, therefore, promote a career in business, the stock market, banking, or research. Life insurance is a typical eighth house calling, since it involves large-scale finance, legacies from the dead, and sociological investigation.
This position is favorable for inheriting money, or accumulating funds not earned (as in the second house) ‘by the sweat of one's brow’.

Eighth House Moon

The Moon in the eighth house gives a generalized preoccupation with economics and with the sense of values which motivates people to spend money.
An individual with this lunar accent in their horoscope may feel impelled to join in mass movements and demonstrations whose aim is to regenerate the social organism from its depths.
They have a special talent for delving into the past and uncovering the roots of obscure problems.
They may handle public funds in connection with programs designed to uplift people en masse.
There is a likelihood of inheriting money from the mother and benefiting financially through women.
Here, the instinctive Moon is in a house where intuition, emotion and deep-rooted feelings are emphasized. In some cases, the subject may have a "sixth sense", especially if other areas of the chart suggest this.
The subject's basic instincts must be fulfilled through a strong sexual expression, but this will only happen when he or she is in total rapport with the partner, who must have similar needs and express them in more or less the same way.
The emotional resources are considerable, but the Moon’s sign and aspects will show the way in which they flow and are satisfied.
Building up complete trust in loved ones and partners is vital. Jealousy and suspicion - both likely emotions here - will have a cancerous effect on the ability to love securely and permanently and so should always be countered.

If the Moon's action is inhibited, the result could be psychological problems that are not easily expressed and can affect the subject for long periods. If they do, therapy may be beneficial.
This house also influences money in relation to inheritance and investment. As a result, having a good, growing life assurance policy and a regularly updated insurance policy for the house and its contents may give a subtly increased sense of security.

Eighth House Mercury

Mercury in the eighth house makes a born investigator who will persist in trying to find out who is thinking what, and why. They are especially interested in the fundamental issues of sex, death, and money, and their effects on people in general.
This insatiable curiosity to get to the bottom of things may degenerate into gossip or it may be channeled into systematic scientific research.
Whether they turn their attention to the fluctuations of the stock market, motivational studies, financial statistics, or the idiosyncrasies of their neighbors, their X-ray intellect can pierce the strata of sham to show the truth of a situation.
An above-average preoccupation with sexuality is often present, and there may even be a very active and strong fantasy life.

Eighth House Venus

This placement gives an instinct for business, an ability to appraise human desires, and a gift for assessing the worth of valuable objects. A compelling urge to make money and enjoy the comforts of prosperity may lead to the development of natural resources which otherwise would have remained unexploited.
There may also be a preoccupation with sex, which is appreciated not only for the sake of physical pleasure but as a symbol of participation in the good life which wealth and social position help to ensure.
This placing increases the intensity of the individual's emotions and passions and sometimes, jealous feelings can disrupt partnerships.
Personal gain can come through marriage and inheritance.

Eighth House Mars

The person with Mars in the eighth house has a genius for extracting information from others, while remaining personally mysterious. They can tear away veils of irrelevancy, methodically eliminating extraneous matter until the truth is laid bare.
Money may come through mining and enterprises which exploit the earth's subterranean treasures. Financial problems are often aggravated by an improvident mate.

This house placing is a powerful one for Mars because, before Pluto was discovered and brought into the astrological structure, Mars was the traditional ruler of Scorpio.
An extremely powerful sex drive is likely to be present and expressed with intensity. In fact, fulfillment in this sphere of life may be essential if this person is to find satisfaction in other areas.
There is a fascination with investigation which is often self-involved (especially if Mars receives aspects from the personal planets or Pluto). This usually works out well, but there can be tendencies toward obsession, in which case the self-analysis will be unending.
The choice of career can sometimes be influenced by this placing: there may be an attraction to surgery or psychiatry, or perhaps police and detective work. This individual can often show a deep and abiding interest in finance and big business, with a keen, positive attitude to investment.
The intuition is increased by this placing, and will be especially well-tuned when it comes to assessing prospective partners and financial opportunities. There can be an above-average concern with death.

Eighth House Jupiter

An eighth-house Jupiter can produce a shrewd operator who knows how to handle money and who understands its potential for the uplifting of humankind.
This person can be an asset to a large corporation which sponsors sociological and scientific research or which reclaims and renews run down areas. They can salvage and turn to profit the waste which other people discard.
The eighth house Jupiter person is inclined to believe in the natural goodness of people and should, when possible, direct their energies into enterprises designed to release untapped human resources.
Considerable sexual exuberance may be evident, and it is particularly important for the partner to be responsive and willing to experiment in the sex life. It may be that one is over-demanding and must become more aware of the partner's needs, consciously developing consideration for them.
There is a freedom-loving element which will be expressed very naturally and openly, but the damage it can do to the regular partner is considerable, so restraint may have to be developed.
Tradition once decreed that Jupiter in this house was beneficial for inheritance, but this is an oversimplification not to be taken literally.
In considering the more intellectual and philosophical side of Jupiter, this person will give serious thought to life after death and may arrive at wise conclusions that will give a sense of stability.

Eighth House Saturn

Determination and good powers of concentration are likely here. The outlook is usually serious, with a tendency towards depression and sometimes obsession.

This placing is excellent for someone who carries financial responsibility for other people, or who has a career in insurance, banking or perhaps the engineering or mining professions.

A rewarding and fulfilling sex life is not usually denoted by this placing, since there are often sexual inhibitions or a form of sexual expression that makes the subject either repress these urges or feel guilty about them.

There can be a fascination with, and sometimes a concentration on, the darker elements of life - an interest in criminology, for instance - and almost certainly a great deal of serious thought will be given to the possibility of survival after death.

The individual may be suspicious and untrusting of others - all too often partners in intimate relationships. Care is therefore needed that jealousy does not mar the relationship, especially where sex or money are concerned. In time, the subject will learn from their mistakes, and this negative tendency will gradually ease.

Since this is the Scorpio/Pluto house, and related to the water element, the intuitions will be quite strong. The subject is encouraged to learn to trust them.

A deeply ingrained fear of loss may impel one to work compulsively to consolidate the financial position. Even if unremitting labor, patience, and thrift produce the expected payoff, a rigidly enforced discipline may be maintained at the expense of fundamental human instincts such as the need for a satisfying sexual and social life.

We must take care that in our quest for security we do not gain the earth and lose our soul. If this individual can transmute their desire to make good into the determination to improve the welfare of others, they will find that the investments which bring the richest dividends are those which contribute to the building of their own character.

Eighth House Uranus

People with Uranus in the eighth house have a consuming desire to create changes in the substances with which they work, even though destruction may be a necessary prelude to regeneration. Often they are intrigued by astrology, parapsychology, and the occult sciences, which stress peoples need to effect an alchemical transmutation of their earth-grown nature. This position favors chemistry, atomic research, and medical investigations. It may bring an unexpected legacy.

From the financial/investment point of view, there may be a simple, couldn't-care-less attitude when Uranus is placed in the eighth house. If the individual has money it will be enjoyed, but if he or she hasn't, so what? It may be that

lessons will have to be learned and a more conventional view adopted (although there is something to be said for such an unmaterialistic outlook). A classic interpretation of someone with Uranus in the eighth house would be the individual giving away an inheritance to a charity that works for the relief of suffering or starvation.
Sometimes financial reverses spark the determination of these individuals to penetrate nature's veil of circumstance and lay bare the secrets of sex, death, and immortality.
This is a complex placing; as well as having financial overtones, there are deeper references to the sexual attitudes and appetites and the way in which the subject reaches, psychologically, for sexual fulfillment. They will sometimes be very responsive and need much satisfaction, while at other times the cool, unemotional side of this influence will predominate.
This person may analyze their sexually oriented problems to an almost obsessive degree, yet never actually resolve them; perhaps they don't want to.

Eighth House Neptune

A person with Neptune in the eighth house should be exceedingly cautious and straight-forward in business dealings, since this position poses a distinct possibility of deception in money matters through the desire to make a quick profit. Economic reverses exert profound psychological effects, impressing the mind with the futility of staking happiness on material gain.
This will be a more than usually powerful placing for those with Neptune in Scorpio, adding intensity and deep, meaningful passion to the sexual nature. This sphere of life will be rich, providing it can be expressed in a full and positively rewarding way.
Sexual problems of a vague or insidious nature can cloud the vision and undermine the most idealistically conceived projects. However, if the libidinal forces can be channeled into creative endeavors, transcendent experiences may eventuate. There is extreme sensitivity to the web of subtle feelings and causes which underlies the visible world.
If the subject is at all confused about the form of sexual expression to which he or she is most attracted, it might be advisable for them to go into therapy to remove any feelings of guilt, or deal with negative or inhibitive emotions.
The powers of seduction are certainly endowed by this placing, and the individual will attract members of the opposite (or same) sex like a magnet. As a result, the sexual sphere of their life may well assume an above-average importance; nevertheless, it does need very positive expression.
Generosity will be present; as it is when Neptune is in the other money house, the second, but the individual may take a rather gullible financial attitude toward the partner. Care will be needed here, and professional financial advice is usually to be recommended unless the chart shows considerable money-making potential, in which case this placing could add

imaginative flair, Nevertheless, a strong level of caution should be present in the chart if this talent is to work well.

Eighth House Pluto

The penetrative potency of Pluto exerts a force which is relentless in its urge to purge and eliminate that which obstructs its course of action.
In the eighth house, this resolute planet confers the fortitude to face horrifying or grotesque situations without flinching.
It may precipitate financial upheavals so drastic that it becomes necessary to strike out in an entirely new direction.
Strongly aspected, Pluto in the house of regeneration gives a person the heroism to retreat to their roots and recast themselves in an entirely new mold.
Often it imparts secret knowledge of death and after-death, or makes an individual feel as though they had died and been reborn.

NINTH HOUSE: The House of Long Journeys - The field of goals and planning

Sense of purpose and direction. Profound mental interests. Searches for new horizons. Distant travel. Residence in foreign lands. Philosophy and religion. Prophecy. Higher education. Organized sport. Advertising and publicity.

Ninth House Sun

A ninth-house Sun opens the apertures of the mind and makes a farseeing thinker who can express ideas with an eye to their broader implications. A cosmopolitan attitude may be the outcome of travels in many lands or of broad experience in managing and supervising human activities. Even if the travels of this individual are confined to the world of literature, their imagination knows no limits in its quest for truth. They seek to integrate a wealth of experience into a unified philosophy applicable to all situations. Once they are convinced they have found the answers to their questions, they want to share their insights with all who will listen.
Intellectual growth, the broadening of horizons and the taking of challenging journeys for mind and body are all ways in which the solar energy is directed from the ninth house. This was once known as the "house of dreams" an interesting description because those for whom it is heavily tenanted may get rather carried away.
If dreams are to become concrete reality, the subject must adopt a practical approach and channel his or her intellect in the necessary directions. The subject will then be able to develop their potential and make the most of the force of the Sun.

Further education, in the broadest sense, is related to ninth house matters, just as the third house focuses on education in general. We do not necessarily find those with this placing studying for exams well into their sixties, but the drive for the expansion of mind will nevertheless be present, and it is important for the individual to develop their own philosophy of life, with carefully considered religious beliefs based on definite conclusions.
There are few limitations for the individual born with this placing, but nevertheless they should not strive so hard that they miss out on the simple pleasures of life or distance themselves from less intellectually inclined or motivated people.

Ninth House Moon

A person whose Moon tenants the ninth house seldom remains content with the status quo but restlessly pushes on into new territory.
They may reside abroad or they may enlarge the scope of their interests by pursuing a variety of sports, hobbies, and studies.
The urge to share their knowledge can make them a stimulating teacher who goes beyond facts to help their students develop their higher reasoning capacities. Such a teacher endeavors to develop the moral sense of their pupils in order that they may judge for themselves what is right or wrong.
There is an innate purposefulness in this combination which makes one want to guide and uplift those less enlightened than oneself.

Ninth House Mercury

Mercury in the house of the higher mind bestows a taste for science, literature, and intellectual pursuits. This mentally stimulating placement gives an abundance of ideas, beliefs, and opinions along with the ability to express them verbally. Such a person will search out meaningful connections in order to fit their varied observations into a rationally conceived pattern of thought.
The mind needs constant challenge but it is important that consistency of effort and powers of concentration are developed, for this individual may be very restless, with an ever-present need to move on to new pastures.
A hunger for intellectual expansion will be present in others with this placing, and they may enjoy work in libraries, bookstores or a university, in order to become part of the sort of life that is so admired and desired. The need to learn is always present, and as for those with a Sagittarian Sun or Ascendant, there is a strong element of the eternal student.
They find travel to be particularly educational and may study languages or work as a translator. This is an excellent position for teaching and guiding young people.

Ninth House Venus

A ninth-house Venus imparts the desire to promote understanding between various types of people. This diplomatically inclined individual may be a

synthesizer of the arts, drawing on themes from many cultures to enliven their creative productions.
By appealing to their moral and esthetic sensibilities, they can help human beings of diverse backgrounds to appreciate one another's assets and to realize that the goals they hold in common are more important than the differences which divide them.
There will be a great love of and need for travel, with the subject tending to fall in love with foreign countries, as well as the capacity to enjoy and profit from new experiences. Tradition also decrees that the subject will marry someone from overseas and live abroad, and this is often the case.
The social life will be much enjoyed and very important to the individual, who will have a great many friends and daydream about them. Quite often romantic episodes occur abroad.
A wisely relaxed and pleasantly philosophical attitude toward life is very apparent, and the individual will want to live in an idealistic world that is beautiful and peaceful.
The college years will be enjoyable and rewarding, although not necessarily as a result of hard work. Instead, the experiences undergone there will have an above-average impact on the subject.
Sometimes a love relationship with a professor can prove colorful.

Ninth House Mars

The individual endowed with a ninth-house Mars has the courage of their convictions and is especially well equipped to promote their ideas in the fields of law, religion, philosophy, and politics. Often they can sway the minds of others and convert them to their beliefs through sheer enthusiasm. They will fight for what they deem right, but may have a tendency to proselytize and to overdo a good thing, even to the point of becoming a fanatic.
They need to remember that the ends do not justify the means, since they can so easily envision their goal that they grow impatient when it cannot be quickly and directly achieved.
This placing will encourage involvement in, and excitement with, intellectual challenge. If powers of concentration are good (look for positive aspects from the Sun or Moon to Saturn), they should enjoy the experience of further education, and the attainment of a qualification will be especially rewarding.
An adventurous spirit flows through this individual, and they will - sometimes with very little money - travel to the ends of the earth either just for the sake of it, or as part of an expedition. Generally there is a ready acceptance and enjoyment of all kinds of challenge, and the subject will ensure that they have a good and sporting chance of success in whatever they attempt.
The constant need to move further and further forward may cause restlessness, especially if plans are frustrated. If nervous tension is present, a relaxation discipline will help, encouraging a calmer and perhaps more philosophical outlook on life.

This position makes an energetic traveler who may work abroad or take a special interest in foreign affairs.

Ninth House Jupiter

Jupiter's influence is strong here, for this is the Sagittarius /Jupiter house. There is considerable intellectual potential, which should be developed in accordance with the sign in which Jupiter is placed. The outlook on life is very positive, with great breadth of vision. The imagination will also be enhanced, with the ninth house love of travel, both intellectual and physical, emphasized in the best possible way.

The acquisition of knowledge and the need to study will be very important, and in order for this individual to feel fulfilled there should be constant opportunity for this. There is often flair for languages, and time may be spent living abroad.

People with this position may have to journey far and wide before their accomplishments are recognized and rewarded. The plan-making planet in the house of the abstract mind enables them to guide and inspire others with their vision of what the future might bring.

The orientation tends to be religious and prophetic with the belief that government should be based on divine law. This combination can describe a traveling salesman, lecturer, manager, or promoter of far-ranging enterprises.

Jupiter in its own house confers the broad and benevolent outlook of one accustomed to looking on the bright side of life.

Ninth House Saturn

There is usually an ability to think seriously and deeply about important issues, and there can be good powers of concentration. It’s possible that the mind will not be very adventurous or inventive, however. As a result, one’s opinions and conclusions may be rather conventional and perhaps a bit unimaginative. There will be a considerable desire to improve the mind, and once course of study is undertaken it will probably be completed, even if it is more work than was expected.

Challenges will be approached with extreme caution. The prospect of physical travel can arouse all kinds of inhibitions and fears of the unknown, such as a terror of flying. If we extend this possibility to a more psychological dimension, it can mean a fear of taking off, intellectually and perhaps emotionally, as well as from the standpoint of beginning to achieve objectives and ambitions. The influence of Saturn can cause inhibition and apprehension.

There may be shyness and a lack of self-confidence. The inferiority complex will be most noticeable when the person is mixing with people whom they believe to be of a higher intellectual or academic level than themselves.

Saturn's influence upon the house of Jupiter arouses the craving to establish a perfect order based upon universal principles. This individual may have so

austere an outlook that while they know what is proper, they fail to make virtue sound very appealing. As an administrator, they verge toward orthodoxy in religion, education and business, stressing the letter as well as the spirit of the law. They may be a bureaucrat or an official entrusted with the responsibility of carrying out orders in a conscientious way.

Ninth House Uranus

In the ninth house, the Uranian hankering for freedom produces a restlessly roving spirit enchanted with faraway places and strange-sounding names. Unexpected journeys may prove more adventuresome than anticipated.

The mind does not function along conventional lines, but may turn to occultism, metaphysics, and the study of faiths held by people in other lands. This person's independent attitude can prove upsetting to those who subscribe to the dictates of convention, for they will not hesitate to repudiate the customs of the past when they have seen a new vision.

Uranus is in a lively and slightly wicked mood here. At its best, it will add a marvelously original and clever streak to the mind, with the subject making a notable impact at university. There can be scientific flair, or a unique literary talent. Challenges are seized with the greatest enthusiasm and the mind itself knows no restrictions.

The placing will considerably enhance the intellectual potential, and there is usually a constant need for excitement, and for new and different experiences. There is also an ability to resolve problems through lateral thinking.

Ninth House Neptune

The person with Neptune in the ninth house is apt to embrace a religious or spiritualistic philosophy. They seek a way of life which promises that they may extend their range of perceptions and transcend the limitations of the mundane sphere. Often they invest their faith in saints, masters, or angelic hierarchies and in their own ability to be clairvoyantly guided by these exalted intelligences.

Badly aspected, Neptune's expansiveness gives way to exaggeration and extravagance. Superstition, mental astigmatism, and religious fervor produce absurd muddles. Under control, this influence imparts the quiet confidence which carries one through a sea of troubles to a safe landing on the further shore.

When placed in the ninth house, Neptune will have a considerable effect on the intellect, giving inspiration and an element of idealism that are probably combined with a marvelously philosophical outlook on life.

The natural relationship between Jupiter and Neptune (they are the traditional and modern rulers of Pisces respectively) will work well and powerfully when the latter planet is in this, the Jupiter/Sagittarius house, and the placing will add a wise, inspired element.

The mind may have few limitations, but to harness its qualities and keep them in balance it might be necessary for the individual to develop a logical and practical attitude, and also a healthy measure of skepticism.
A particularly vivid dream recall is very possible in the individual with this placing. It is certainly likely if he or she is imaginative and creative, but less so if there are very materialistic tendencies indicated elsewhere in the birth chart.
Astrological tradition decrees that those with this placing will enjoy unusual and perhaps rather weird experiences while traveling abroad.

Ninth House Pluto

This placing may give a compulsive desire to study and to accept mental challenge - sometimes beyond the individual's scope. As a result, considerable strain and tension can build up. There may be a need for perfection in every area that makes intellectual demands. For example, letters and articles will be written and rewritten many times and one may find it difficult to rest content with the results of labors of this kind.
Such a striving for perfection can sometimes mean that the person becomes discontented and frustrated by their chosen course of study while taking further education. As a result, that course can be terminated - often with disgust. If the individual has reached this critical point, they should consider carefully the taking of such drastic action, since they may be demonstrating the Pluto tendency of throwing the baby out with the bathwater.
A strongly aspected ninth house Pluto stimulates the desire to understand the fundamental forces of man and nature. Awesome metaphysical experiences can alter a person's entire outlook in a flash of insight. The mind peers beyond itself into a vortex of whirling forces, and outward toward spiral nebulae of spinning stars, and forever after knows that nothing is as simple as it seems.
This individual can blow their mind if they overindulge in drugs or alcohol but, if they will, they can also regenerate themselves through the use of their higher mental powers.

TENTH HOUSE: The House of Public Standing - The field of worldly attainment

What the world remembers a person for. Positions of authority, honor, and prestige. Fame. Profession or career. The father. Affairs of state. Large-scale organizations.

Tenth House Sun

This placement is favorable for worldly honor, political power, and professional achievement. It imparts the ability to inspire others through personal example.

Since this individual will give top priority to the furthering of their career, they are likely to become renowned in their chosen field of endeavor, even though the pursuit of fame and fortune may require sacrifices in their marriage and private life.
Their determination to make a name for themselves leads to increasing responsibilities and a growing reputation, so that once they have found their proper position, they seldom remain obscure.
If autocratic tendencies can be controlled, here is a big achiever.

Tenth House Moon

An elevated Moon gives the ability to influence women and the public, and to direct the subtle currents of feelings which affect people en masse. Personal charisma may enable this individual to sway the sentiments of the crowd without revealing much of their inner self.
Fame may come but fortune proves more fickle, since one's professional life is apt to depend on passing fads and fancies.
They are likely to flourish in politics, advertising, or in a persuasive capacity which requires them to keep a finger on the pulse of human desires. Often they bask in the reflected glory of some greater luminary for whom they concoct palatable slogans and emotion-laden catchwords.
There is usually a sympathy and understanding of those over whom the individual has authority, and very often they are widely loved, or even idolized, by many people.
The flow of intuition and emotion extends into taking care of others, who can respond very powerfully.
"I love the world" is the motto here, and the instinct to put it to rights could be a channel for the Moon's action, eliminating cruelty and fostering the best of the maternal instinct, in the broadest sense of the word.
The need for change and variety is most likely to be shown in the career, so even if the individual becomes famous, they will still have a variety of accomplishments.
An instinctive ability for choosing the best time to make changes will be an asset, and a good sense of timing is usually present.

Tenth House Mercury

This placement predisposes to a career connected with writing and communication. It affords the manual dexterity to do well in a specialty that involves working with the hands - perhaps on a typewriter or keyboard.
Critical analysis and the ability to discriminate between alternatives are key factors in the achievement of professional prestige.
Several occupations or successive changes of position keep the mind active and alert. They can turn from one job to another for mental refreshment, and often find that a variety of talents can be combined to advantage.

It is very likely that there will be many changes of career. If no career is followed, there will be changes of direction in life with regard to the aspirations and objectives. All these matters will be given much thought and planning because progress will often become a pre-occupation.
If the Mercury sign is sympathetic to this house placing, the individual will be able to carry responsibility, but awareness of it will be present whatever the sign.
For the career to have an overall shape there should be as much variety in the daily work as possible. If a good mix of intellectual stimulation, responsibility and mobility can be achieved, then so much the better, since the chances are that boredom leading to restless-ness can hamper long-term progress.
There are connections between this house and the father. On one level, perhaps, the individual will think and plan in a style reminiscent of their father; on a deeper psychological level the "father" can be an inner voice representing authority, saying what the subject should or shouldn't do.

Tenth House Venus

Venus in the tenth house smiles upon professions relating to beauty, fashion, the arts, diplomacy, and entertainment. This is a socially ambitious individual who can promote harmonious alliances and create pleasant surroundings in which people meet and do business together. The deliberate cultivation of an attractive personality may pay rich dividends in the vocational field.
An elevated Venus is favorable for public speaking and especially for singing. The voice can be modulated to please and inspire people, and scrupulous attention should be paid to making the best possible use of the spoken word.
This is excellent for developing good relationships with colleagues. If the subject holds a managerial or administrative position they will be less likely to be a lonely figure. However, coping with onerous responsibilities can be daunting. This should be borne in mind when promotion is offered, for here is someone who is better at working with others than alone, although prestige is enjoyed, and there is usually an ability to delegate.
Great pride in the profession is common, and the subject needs an emotional relationship with the career in order to feel fulfilled. Sometimes this placing is not very good for freelance workers, who can become lazy and undisciplined.
Those who are not in a profession can have some idealistic aspirations that blend with those of the partner. The ability to identify with the partner's ambitions, giving much support and encouragement is also likely.
Financial gain is very important but must not be the only motivation.

Tenth House Mars

Mars in the tenth house provides socially approved outlets for aggressive energy and instills the ambition to mount to the upper rungs of the occupational ladder. They can project their personal feelings and ideas with

sufficient force to produce demonstrable results. The eagerness to show the world what they can do usually overrides obstacles to achievement.
Active occupations are preferred to desk jobs. There may be an inclination to join the military services and to undertake work demanding strength and stamina as well as personal leadership.
Sometimes professional responsibilities become so demanding that there is danger of physical strain.
This placing will make the individual a force to be reckoned with in their career and professional life. The ability to work hard and to achieve objectives will be extremely important, and the possibility of success high.
There should be emotional involvement in the career, and a sense of urgency as to its progress will be inherent, though the subject may sometimes have to slow down a little and be patient, since overhasty decisions and a lack of tolerance with slower colleagues can cause problems.
A tendency to argue and to be quarrelsome may be present, Nevertheless, at its best, Mars contributes considerable enthusiasm for worldly progress, and there will be a great deal of ambition and high aspirations present.
The tenth house has a certain connection with the father, and the individual may have viewed him as strong and perhaps someone who exerted an over-assertive influence. As a result, there may be inner anger that can be given expression in the form of rebellious behavior against society, particularly during the teenage years.

Tenth House Jupiter

An ingrained sense of responsibility and a capacity for farsighted planning combine to raise the subject to a position of prominence. Often these people work in a prestigious occupation such as banking, law, or corporate finance.
They may wield widespread influence by aligning themselves with significant cultural exploitation. Some of their success derives from knowing the right people, and some from sheer good luck. By using their power wisely they can spread their blessings and enrich the world.
Dramatic flair is usually present, and they will certainly attract attention in their chosen field. If in a position of power, this will be wielded fairly and with understanding and kindness, although the individual may be pompous at times. They will seize opportunities as they come along and will also create them.
There is real strength in the ability to take in the broad perspective of situations, and to view the long-term philosophically and practically. Aspirations are high, and as they are conquered, worldly wisdom will grow and lessons learned, which will be born in mind whenever the need arises.
Successful actors and actresses frequently have this placing, although a sense of drama and the tendency to show off are usually present even in those who do not become actors. There may be a talent for the law, publishing or any job where the individual is able to take center stage.

Tenth House Saturn

Saturn in the tenth house brings success through dogged persistence and unremitting effort. This position is notorious for raising people up and then precipitating a sudden fall from grace. Some individuals may simply renounce their careers and look elsewhere for basic satisfactions.

Nevertheless, an elevated Saturn confers honor and respect upon those willing to shoulder the requisite responsibilities. It can bring prolonged hard work with many dull days and disappointing delays, but since Saturn tenants its own natural house, it eventually places people with this combination in positions of authority.

Then Saturn shows the need for conscience and control in the exercise of prerogatives.

Sometimes the individual can set a distance between themselves and loved ones. The preoccupation with achieving objectives is very likely, and they may be sacrificing many good things in life as a result. In extreme cases there can be a loss of love and family happiness.

Any characteristic coldness may spring from childhood influences, since the subject might have been strictly disciplined to do the right thing as a child.

Tenth House Uranus

The individual born with Uranus in the tenth house is apt to enter an unusual profession or to approach their career in an offbeat way. They must be their own boss if they are to avoid clashes of temperament with people in command.

They have flashes of insight about the way a job should be performed and are, therefore, better off working independently.

Often their destiny is shaped by sudden dramatic events which require lightning quick decisions and the willingness to take authoritative action.

The fields of electronics, and broadcasting are especially congenial to people with this original and inventive temperament. As well, the individual may be attracted to the space industry, science, astronomy, or perhaps the humanitarian and caring professions.

Alternatively, they may be drawn to work that has an exciting or glamorous aspect.

Sudden changes of career direction are possible. However, should the subject be confronted by the prospect of such a change (because of having been fired, for instance), there will be a tendency to overreact and to throw away a great deal of hard-earned experience in order to start afresh on the new professional path.

Reactions of this sort can be the result of the more perverse side of Uranus exerting itself, and the individual is encouraged to think again and in a more practical manner.

An involvement in politics or the trade unions sometimes occurs for the individual with this placing. In this or other contexts, a liking for power is also very common.

Tenth House Neptune

The person with Neptune in their tenth house may have a checkered career with ups and downs brought on by forces beyond their control. Often their reputation is based on an illusion, so that their public image does not accord with their private self.

There is danger of deception in connection with the profession and their true motives for wanting to succeed may be misunderstood.

This placement often gives a connection with the sea, with liquids such as oil, alcohol, or perfumes, or with bars and nightclubs. It is also associated with the film industry and with glamorous but unsteady occupations.

If this individual invokes the higher side of Neptune, they may serve as a channel for spiritual forces that endow them with an influence transcending their normal abilities.

Not only will the career be colorful but also there will be many changes of direction in life. When such changes are analyzed in retrospect, it may well seem that they were brought about because of the subject's inner feelings, or even that the individual was in some way destined to make those moves as and when they did.

Here is a true romantic who can sometimes really allow their imagination to take flight.

Tenth House Pluto

When Pluto is in the tenth house, power may be based on unseen factors. Under affliction, this can signify connections with the underworld or reliance on secret weapons.

An underlying resentment of people in authority may lead to conflict with the father, a father figure, or with the government. There is a compulsion to exercise firm, or even dictatorial control over matters of public concern and to remain exclusively in command.

Success may be achieved in fields which tap the hidden resources of man and nature such as occultism, psychotherapy, mining, and atomic research.

An elevated Pluto can stimulate the desire to dominate people's bodies, or the will to release their souls from bondage.

The individual will need to be very much emotionally involved in the career or, if no career is followed, it is important that they have a particular goal or compelling objective for which to aim.

Perhaps the subject is an empire builder, or simply has a great deal of emotional energy to exploit.

Every encouragement to expend such energy positively should be given, since there is considerable potential to be used here, and it must be expressed to the full.
Otherwise, as is so common with a Pluto/Scorpio influence, it can easily turn sour, and that will be when life becomes complicated and troubled for the individual and his or her immediate circle.

ELEVENTH HOUSE: The House of Friendships - The field of hopes and wishes

Detached or impersonal relationships. Humanitarian and philanthropic enterprises. Clubs, groups, and associates. Business connections and spheres of influence. The people who share one's ideals. Altruism. The rewards derived from the ambitions of the tenth house.

Eleventh House Sun

The Sun in the eleventh house promises benefits from influential friends and well-wishers, largely because it gives the ability to befriend others. These people usually enjoy working with groups and can take a position of responsible leadership in political, recreational, and cultural associations. Their approach to life is liberal and broad-minded. Often they can identify with so many points of view that they find it hard to understand why people should cherish their exclusive attitudes. However, if one tries too hard to please everyone, they may dissipate their energies to the point where no one is satisfied. They are fundamentally humanitarian and would rather be popular than powerful.
Here is a social animal who needs to make his or her mark within the community. He or she will expend solar energies in the development and enjoyment of group activities, very often with humanitarian overtones.
Charitable fund-raising, for example, could be an important and successful involvement for the individual. Don't forget the purely creative power of the Sun, which here can be expressed as a considerable source of inspiration to others, with group activities making the results well worthwhile. Care is needed, however, that the individual does not try to take control as soon as they come on the scene. Instead, they should defer to others (and especially older, long-standing members of an organization), even if they think they could run things better themselves.
Despite needing everything that a full and rewarding social life brings, the subject must be careful not to distance themselves from close contact with others. There can be conflict here, but they should be able to look at the situation in a rational and objective way. The life may need to be divided into compartments, so that there will be good close relationships and an ability to express love, while at the same time the person aims to fulfill all the needs and expression of the Sun's energies through eleventh house matters.

Eleventh House Moon

This position confers many friends, especially among women and unassuming people. The widespread popularity of the person with an eleventh-house Moon grows out of their natural responsiveness to the feelings of others and their sincere concern for their welfare. This person is a true democrat who may succeed in politics or communal enterprises because they recognize the importance of reaching out to people at the grass-roots level in order to sway public opinion. They are willing to be one of the crowd and to work self-effacingly in order to promote the common good.

Here the instincts of the Moon are expressed towards groups. It is as though the individual will always want to be part of a group, whatever it may mean to him or her. Sometimes this may happen because the subject was not accepted by their peers when a child.

Friends and acquaintances, and what they stand for, may be so heavily relied upon (albeit happily so) that the subject can find it hard to stand alone and take any independent action.

Eleventh House Mercury

Mercury in the eleventh house predisposes an individual to seek clever companions who keep them mentally stimulated with lively, intelligent conversation. They like to circulate, to bring people together for discussions on matters of mutual concern, and to belong to a number of different groups and associations.

The fact that their friends entertain views at variance with one another does not disconcert them, for they can identify with and understand the thinking of the person they happen to be with at the moment. Even though they may disagree with the ideas themselves, they perceive the reasons why an individual entertains a particular set of beliefs, and relish the novelty of hearing contrary opinions.

Deep and meaningful friendships may not be all that important, but social intercourse will be, and the spare time will be used to the full, with every moment thoroughly enjoyed. If ever a need to get out and about and to mix freely is expressed, it is here. Perhaps a certain amount of free time will be spent on humanitarian causes.

Eleventh House Venus

Venus in a house indicates the field of experience in which the desire for interpersonal relationships and the sharing of values will tend spontaneously and most effectively to operate, and also how this type of experience can release its fullest meaning for the person.

This placement shows a side of the character that is gregarious and loves company. People endowed with an eleventh-house Venus feel that nothing is too fine for their friends. They have an instinct for putting guests at ease,

exercise tact in catering to their diverse needs, and delight in bringing congenial people together. This person is attracted to liberal movements and gravitates to groups which put the muse into amusement through devotion to the arts. They love the theater, concerts, lectures, cultural programs, and an assortment of activities where they can relax and mingle with charming, amiable comrades.

Venus in the eleventh house can be a powerful magnet, establishing fields of attraction in which human beings can enjoy and profit from the results of their public or professional activities, whether as real friends or as people sharing a common ideal within a common culture. The love of beauty and the arts, or a deep feeling for people crushed by society can be experienced. Venus in this house is the great humanitarian as well as the refined person of culture. Collective values are likely to be more meaningful than personal values.

Eleventh House Mars

Mars in the eleventh house can produce a demagogue or a champion of the downtrodden. This type of person is at their best when arousing groups of people to forward a worthy cause, or organizing parades and militant demonstrations. One is enterprising in making friends and promoting collective projects even though they may be somewhat less poplar than they think they deserve to be. Despite their hard work, they can be a disruptive force because their independent attitude sparks quarrels with associates and makes them a center of controversy.

The humanitarian side of the eleventh/Aquarius house will be present, and it is likely that the individual will become extremely combative when moved by suffering. They will at once want to take positive action to do something that will help to alleviate it.

The emotional level of Mars, which will be so fervently expressed toward the interests and hobbies, may however be somewhat cool when it comes to human relationships. This is because the independence of the eleventh house will add an element of personal detachment, damping down a really warm expression of feeling.

Eleventh House Jupiter

Jupiter in the eleventh house attracts faithful and influential friends who prove to be of inestimable aid in promoting mutually beneficial schemes.

It makes a natural planner and organizer of group activities who can bring people together and inspire them to work enthusiastically for liberal causes.

The desire to distribute largesse with an open hand encourages one to support various foundations and philanthropies. They may also succeed in politics, but must beware of promising favors they cannot deliver.

This position favors a great socializer, who gathers together a large circle of friends and acquaintances and who contributes much to their crowd, or to any group interest.

They may well serve on committees and eventually hold an important office.
There is a natural inclination and ability to generate much energy and enthusiasm, and the chosen interest will move forward as a result of their much-enjoyed hard work and effort.
It will not be difficult for this individual to inspire others, and willing workers will give their all under their leadership.
The humanitarian side of the Aquarius/eleventh house will be present, with the subject perhaps being an excellent fund-raiser, or one who takes action to help fight injustice - maybe working for famine relief or animal welfare.
If they are creative, the chosen interest might be amateur dramatics.
Here is an excellent friend, always giving others encouragement to develop their potential, and throwing out challenging suggestions and ideas in order to keep the friendship alive, even when separated by many miles.

Eleventh House Saturn

Saturn is well-placed here because of its special relationship with Aquarius. As an individual whose eleventh house is tenanted by Saturn this person is likely to be discriminating in their choice of companions. The friendships they do make, endure. They like to associate with older people and with groups which serve a serious or necessary purpose. If not older in years, then perhaps they may be more distinguished intellectually or more worldly.
They will perform heavy duties for the organizations to which they belong without asking or receiving much personal recognition. The eleventh house provides an appropriate field for Saturn's conscientious willingness to shoulder the burdens of administration. When well aspected, it often indicates reliability and discretion in joint endeavors.
A powerful humanitarian streak is present, and while Saturn is conventional in outlook, this placing nevertheless instills a sense of justice, so the individual will do a great deal to right what is wrong in the world. Those with this placing may, for instance, be natural supporters of Amnesty International.

Eleventh House Uranus

Uranus is very much at home in the eleventh house, because it is also the Aquarius house, so its influence will be strong from here.
The individual can be extremely friendly, but at the same time may not want to become too close to other people. There is a universality in the outlook, and an abiding need to develop a wide and varied social life which may well vie with one’s profession in importance.
The unpredictability of Uranus will emerge from time to time, however, and there is a good chance that sudden breaks in ties of friendship or in the allegiance to the club or society will occur as a result of the one's rapid change of heart. Sometimes, due to a loathing of complacency, the individual will be disruptive on purpose, and stir a committee or their own friends into action.

Uranus in its own natural house magnetically attracts forward-looking and freethinking associates. This person is likely to align themselves with movements promoting humanitarian ideals and liberal forms of government. This can be a politically radical position which promulgates concepts of universal brotherhood and follows through with proposals designed to induce people to behave like brothers whether they wish to or not.
In less socially oriented persons, it fosters an inclination toward associations with unconventional companions, with the possibility of sudden breaks and reconciliations.

Eleventh House Neptune

This person is likely to be attracted to artistic, bohemian, and oddball comrades. Friends will tend to be Neptunian types - either unreliable and not very loyal, or spiritual and inspirational. There may be a proclivity for falling in with groups which, after indulging in a great deal of loose talk about what should be done, disperse like a flock of birds without actually accomplishing anything. Neptune in the eleventh house may carry out its humanitarian ideals; however, there is always a certain danger of good intentions being subverted by people who fritter away their energies on dreams instead of deeds.
Although the individual may enjoy a very lively social life and have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, it is often the case that he or she is taken in by them and can sometimes be used. Gullibility may well make its presence felt in this sphere of life.
Much enjoyable time can be spent helping to raise money for charity, and the subject is likely to show skill in such altruistic activities. Other leisure hours may be satisfyingly spent at poetry readings or perhaps with a photography club.
Some reluctance to hold office may be likely, since there might be a dislike of having to cope with the responsibilities involved but at the same time the subject may be too easily persuaded to do so. If this happens, the result could be a source of worry or concern, so decisiveness and a really practical attitude must be developed if they are not to be put upon or suffer tension, confusion, or worry in what should be an enjoyable side of life.

Eleventh House Pluto

A prominent eleventh-house Pluto can foster associations with groups bent on radical social reform. Political activism is liable to cause trouble if one has been drawn to the losing side, or if care is not exercised in opposing the policies of dictators and tyrants. It would be wise to be exceedingly discriminating about the people in whom they confide, and to keep their deeper feelings to themselves unless they are sure they will be well received. Real friendships are few but intense.

Pluto is not very powerfully placed in the eleventh house, but it does tend to encourage the individual to become too concerned, and perhaps somewhat obsessional, over the attitude of friends and acquaintances. If some small action displeases the subject they are likely to overreact, thus provoking quarrels and upsets.
Other people's attitudes to the individual's actions will also be important. "What will they think if I do that?" may be a frequently uttered phrase especially in the not-so-young, who might chide their children with similar statements calculated to stop them doing anything that may upset others. Sometimes the objectives of a group or society to which the subject belongs will assume too great an importance - to the detriment of partner and family.
If these powerful traits can be directed towards philanthropic ends much good can be done. However, it is up to the individual concerned to keep such feelings in perspective, and not allow them to take over their life or behavior in any way.

TWELFTH HOUSE: The House of Drawn Shades - The field of unseen causes

Karmic liabilities. Behind-the-scenes maneuverings. Sacrificial service. Repressions, neuroses, and psychogenic complaints. Deception, secrets, and treachery. Hidden enemies. Prisons, asylums, and hospitals. Occultism.

Twelfth House Sun

People born with the Sun in the twelfth house seldom receive full recognition for their efforts. Generally, they make no objection to their obscure position, since they have a love of peace and solitude and gravitate naturally toward a contemplative life or toward an existence devoted to social service.
Frequently, they work in connection with an institution. They can be particularly kind to sick or mentally disturbed people, feeling that, ‘there, but for the grace of God, go I’. This position often gives clairvoyant powers and an interest in occultism and psychic research.
A very special perspective is added to the chart when the Sun falls in the twelfth house, for here is someone who needs peace and quiet, space and time alone whatever those may mean to the individual. If the Sun sign sympathizes, introversion and a lack of self-confidence can be present. However, creative power still comes from the Sun, even in this, the most withdrawn of all the twelve houses.
In working behind the scenes, the individual will be shown at their best. If the result is creative, then it is behind these creations that they will hide, sometimes getting those who are less introspective and more assertive to do any selling of the end products. It is important for those close to the subject not to try to force them into a more extrovert lifestyle; partners and friends

must realize and accept that the familiar environment is the only place in which this person may feel totally secure and therefore is where they function best.
Self-knowledge, and the coming to terms with deep-rooted needs, is essential; it may well be more difficult for others to understand this than the individual themselves. Well-meaning, more extroverted partners may sometimes find it necessary to end the relationship with these individuals, and allow them to live their lives uncluttered by what they believe to be unnecessary commitments that can become devitalizing burdens.
They should be allowed to let the results of their labors speak for them, while at the same time making their feelings clear to loved ones in a way that expresses the strong, positive qualities of their Sun sign.
This is the Pisces/Neptune house, so Neptune will now be personalized, thereby increasing that planet's importance in the birth chart.

Twelfth House Moon

The Moon in the twelfth house gives a love of introspection with a need for periodic retirement from the bustle and confusion of the world. The person with this placement will be extremely impressionable, reverberating to psychological influences of which others are only subliminally aware.
Regardless of the extent of your public activities, there is always a part of them which, like the dark side of the Moon, remains hidden. Frequently, home conditions are not what they seem and some cross must be privately borne.
In the twelfth house the Moon can indicate a psychic gift, or the general ability to reflect in the mind the whole meaning of the transition between an ending cycle and the birth of a new one. All depends on what is done with this faculty. It can be overwhelming and confusing. It can precipitate karma, leading to a sort of closing of accounts.
One must beware of a passive or defeatist attitude, and of too great an openness to the collective unconscious, or to one's personal complexes.
No matter how extroverted and out-going the subject may be, it is important for him or her to acknowledge that there is a strong need to withdraw and to spend some time alone.
This withdrawal is instinctive, and both psychologically and spiritually restorative. They must not ignore the necessity for peace and quiet, the best means of which they should decide for themselves. For instance, one person with this placing may take a spiritual retreat from time to time, while another will prefer to listen to loud rock music alone in their room.
There is natural kindness and an emotionally sensitive response and, according to the Moon sign, the instincts and intuitions will be powerful forces that can be directed charitably and beneficially towards others. The urge to make sacrifices is present and the Moon sign will indicate whether this is shown through hard work, contemplation or material help.

A tendency to deceive is possible, and negative escapism must be guarded against. The subject may have hidden depths and an instinctive secrecy that acts as protection from the outside world.

Twelfth House Mercury

Mercury in a house indicates the field of experience in which the power to communicate information, to remember the results and causes of past experiences, and to establish relationships between such experiences can operate with maximum effectiveness. What is also shown is the type of circumstances which will require the use of this Mercury power.

It is fortunate that the individual with Mercury in the twelfth house can keep secrets because their friends might be astonished if they divulged the intriguing things they know about people's private lives.

This placement makes a sensitive psychologist who can analyze obscure problems and release repressions by encouraging clients to say whatever comes to mind. To their discerning intellect, words are charged with subtle shades of significance and every gesture tells a story.

People with this involuted kind of mind absorb knowledge intuitively through soul-searching meditation, and they often understand far more than they can express.

There may be conflict between the logical elements of Mercury and the intuition and emotion of the twelfth. It will be excellent if they can rationalize their intuition and channel the emotions, expressing them with all the positive communicative abilities of Mercury. Another conflict can sometimes be felt when solitude is demanded yet there is also a need for communication and social intercourse.

A love of literature (especially poetry) can be present, plus considerable critical acumen. Sometimes people who work in the media, especially the radio, have this placing. If there is a flair for technology, the engineering side of broadcasting can be worthwhile.

In the twelfth house Mercury points to a life turned inward, a life of meditation perhaps dedicated to transcendent purposes, or forced to withdraw perhaps by society or by illness from outer activity.

Much attention should be paid to intuitions, hunches, or inner guidance. The mind may be focused on dealing with social crises or injustices, or with one’s own personal karma and subconcious urges.

For those with religious faith there is usually a great belief in the power of prayer, and a deeply held conviction that positive thought always has its desired effect.

Twelfth House Venus

This placement shows a love that expends itself behind the scenes and in the hidden recesses of the heart. It can indicate clandestine romances, platonic affairs, or a life of sacrificial service. Secret attachments may endure for years

without being discovered. In some cases, the affections are repressed and wither on the vine.
One may work or live in a convent, hospital, or monastic atmosphere where their personal comforts and desires are disregarded. Rich inner resources enable them to remain content with their own company.
There can be great secrecy about love relationships and often, due to inhibition and shyness, there can be an inability to express feelings, resulting in silent passion and adulation from a distance. If this happens, a tendency to fantasize will develop and, while this is usually very healthy for most people, it may get out of hand in this case.
The subject can also become isolated. Under stress, comfort may be sought from eating or drinking too much.
Religious faith is sometimes strengthened, with a love of the Deity and a sense of vocation being used to suppress sexual and emotional relationships.
An aesthetic or creative interest which is carried on in peace and quiet will be good for the individual, especially if it brings concrete results.
In the twelfth house Venus may represent either dependence upon traditional values and profits from state institutions, or the individual's attempt to fathom the meaning of both their own past and their society's accomplishments, perhaps mainly in order to have a significant basis for making a new start.

Twelfth House Mars

Problems often stem from repressed desires. Basic drives may be disguised or diffused into sexual maladjustments and escapist tendencies. If, however, the inchoate urges which spring from the depths of the psyche can be constructively channeled, consciously motivated activity may be reinforced by a compelling sense of mission which produces results transcending ordinary expectations.
Mars in the twelfth house begets hidden enemies (or psychological complexes) but it can also summon hidden reinforcements which are called into the fray at the crucial moment.
The individual may be rather secretive, and it can be difficult for them to unburden problems on to sympathetic friends or counselors, even though there can often be the ability to help other people in this respect.
There is a colorful fantasy life, and the resources of emotional energy will be strengthened, even in a chart where this level is below average.
An identification with human suffering is one of the best possible characteristics of this placing, with the tendency to take on other people's burdens and work hard to help lighten them.
Alternatively, an interest in counseling will bring out their support on a more psychological level.
If the chart shows sympathy for, and empathy with, other people, this is an excellent placing for the caring professions - especially social work or the prison service.

For Mars to work well, however, it should not receive negative aspects from the Moon or Neptune, since then there could be escapist tendencies and an inclination towards self-deception.

Twelfth House Jupiter

Because Jupiter ruled Pisces until Neptune was taken into the astrological pantheon, this placing is a very important one.

This position often indicates a person who will extend assistance to others without expectation of reward, but who, nevertheless, receives their fair recompense from the all-seeing "Lords of Karma." They can be the proverbial good Samaritan whose pleasure in sharing grows out of the knowledge that the love they expend on others also expand their own consciousness.

There may be a true sense of vocation, perhaps religious but possibly also geared to fully developing the potential in some chosen subject that needs great dedication. There can also be reclusive tendencies, and usually they need to work alone in peace and quiet.

The attitude to life is very philosophical, and the mind an excellent one. It will be up to the individual not just to drift into his or her own little world and opt out of reality, since the potential is excellent and must be used wisely and practically.

A marvelous compromise can be reached if they find work that has a concrete end product, and it is this that is shown off to the public, rather than the individual themselves. For instance, here we may have a solitary writer, potter or perhaps inventor, whose work speaks for itself rather than the person who projects their own personality. Indeed, the individual may wear a psychological mask in public, and be truly known by few people.

Esoteric subjects and religion, perhaps in the broadest sense, may be important. This is a good placing for the medical or caring professions, or for work in institutions.

Twelfth House Saturn

Saturn in the twelfth house denotes a person of reserved and solitary nature who may become a recluse. Subtle psychological fears generate doubt and lack of confidence. Often these misgivings seem justified by insoluble problems.

When afflicted, the shadow of ancient wrongs glowers over the present so that a person is oppressed with the necessity to make restitution for unremembered sins.

Even at best, the life still has a fated tinge, but strict inner discipline makes it possible to pay karmic debts and emerge into the clear light of unreserved self-acceptance.

At its most potent, this tends to make the individual something of an isolationist, and at its least powerful gives a need to retreat from worldly concerns. Sometimes the subject may only feel safe within his or her own

little world. They will do an excellent job during the day, then look forward to returning to the security of their own home at night.
It is not a good idea to try to nag them out of this pattern, for it will only encourage them to enclose themselves further. Instead, someone with this placing should learn to enjoy quiet hobbies - music appreciation, reading and handicrafts, for instance.
Too much introspection should not be encouraged, since it can lead to hypochondria and perhaps other phobias. Even so, it is excellent if the subject can accept that the warmth and security of their own home is restorative, since that is where they will gain psychological and physical refreshment.
Creative exercise through some form of expressive dance or movement is excellent therapy, but yoga and such contemplative disciplines are not as rewarding in the long-term. That is because they may increase the subject's introspection which, if anything, needs to be countered.
A very meaningful sense of vocation may be present. The subject might identify with suffering or with those confined to institutions, and can derive considerable psychological reward from helping such people.

Twelfth House Uranus

Uranus is kind and humanitarian, while the twelfth house represents our need to be charitable and to make sacrifices. Here the flow of feeling and an instinctive urge to be of help is blended with the logical and unemotional approach characteristic of the cool, detached, Uranian influence.
Sometimes the subject with this placing will distance him or herself from a close permanent relationship in order to take up some caring vocation, or to tend an elderly relative. A deep-rooted psychological motivation may be present, for while the out-ward expression will be marvelously positive for the person for whom sacrifices are made, the individual themselves may well shy away from living a fulfilling existence with a partner.
The person with Uranus in the twelfth house is predisposed to convoluted eccentricities or occult aspirations. In either event, they keep their deeper yearnings to themselves.
They are likely to have startling psychic experiences, but may hesitate to divulge them for fear of being misunderstood. They may rebel against fate, questioning the meaning of existence and nourishing their resentment that a supposedly omnipotent God should have created so imperfect a world.
However, if they can break through their ego-bound impatience into an intuitive understanding of the cosmic plan, the voice of the higher Self may give the answers they seek by dissolving the questions.
This is a very interesting placing for Uranus. Although Uranus and the twelfth/Pisces house are so different, they also come together extremely well in many ways.

Twelfth House Neptune

Neptune is at home in this placing, since it is the house of Pisces, the sign that is ruled by this planet. Neptune usually works well from this house, though often it will add secretive and reclusive tendencies to the personality.

It may be necessary to withdraw and get away from the pressures of life from time to time. It is advisable to have a room of one's own where peace and quiet can be enjoyed.

Creative work executed away from other people is also indicated by this placing. They may shun the limelight, allowing their talents to speak for them.

This is also an excellent placing for those who wish to follow the caring professions, or who find it rewarding to work in institutions. There is usually considerable sympathy, empathy, understanding and identification with suffering.

The person with a strongly aspected Neptune in its natural house is likely to go to the end of the line in one direction or another. They may render compassionate service to the sick and suffering, or they may be sick and suffering themselves.

They are acutely sensitive to the painful aspects of existence and have a tendency to fall prey to undiagnosable ailments of psychosomatic origin. A cloistered life may be preferred to the distracting commotion of the mundane sphere.

Twelfth House Pluto

A strongly aspected twelfth-house Pluto can be a purging influence engendering spasmodic upheavals for the sake of ultimate purification.

There can be a hidden preoccupation with the mysteries of sex and death and one may at times feel compelled to withdraw to some inaccessible retreat where they can seek to fathom the abyss of their psyche.

They are likely to have some connection with social outcasts or subversive elements. At worst, the individual is cunningly coercive while, at best, their desire to raise and redeem the repressed members of society makes them a champion of the down-trodden masses.

Their life may be dominated by karmic influences over which they have very little apparent control.

When Pluto is placed in the twelfth house it will have a powerful effect on the unconscious. There will be a considerable tendency to be secretive and sometimes even reclusive.

It can also be very difficult for the individual to talk freely about their problems, which may be rooted in an inability to express the characteristically powerful emotions easily and positively. An air of mystery will surround the subject, and if they are at all canny they will use it to great advantage.

Nevertheless, this placing is a difficult one, especially if Pluto receives negative aspects from the Sun or Moon, or is in conjunction with the Ascendant from this house. To delve and analyze will be second nature to the

subject, so that the investigatory powers will be heightened in much the same way as they are when Pluto occupies the eighth house.

Unfortunately, this placing will give a more powerful tendency to turn these inclinations on the self. Sometimes, if there is a problem, it can be all too easy for the subject to mull it over so often that it becomes a kind of mazelike vicious circle in their mind, from which it is hard to escape.

They must also be warned against falling into the habit of taking any sort of drugs when under stress, since tranquilizers may be deemed attractive.